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PRICE TWO CENTS

BELGRADE RETAKEN BY SERVIAN ARMY AS INVADERS FLEE

Austria Weakens Army to Meet Russians in Carpathians and Are Beaten by Serbs

PART ARE DRIVEN INTO BOSNIA

There Detachment Is Declared to Have Been Cut Off by Montenegrins

BELGRADE TAKEN 12 DAYS AGO

Austrians in Possession of Servian Capital for But Short Time

NIS, Dec. 15.—The Servian army has re-entered Belgrade in triumph. The Austrians, who occupied the city for twelve days, fled across the Danube and Save rivers in great disorder, clearing the Servian territory of the enemy except at two points.

An official statement issued here today formally announced the re-occupation of the capital by the troops of King Peter.

The statement declares the Austrians now hold only Shataz and Loznica in Servia. These two towns are on the extreme northwest of Servia at the junction of the Drina and Save rivers.

The official statement declares: "The enemy has fled across the Danube and Save rivers in great disorder and evacuated Belgrade. All Servian territory is now freed of the enemy except Shabatuz and Ljuzica, of which deliverance is imminent."

The triumphal entry of the Servian troops into Belgrade was marked by scenes of indescribable enthusiasm. King Peter has received messages of congratulations from all of his allies."

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Belgrade is reported to have been reoccupied by the Servian army.

With the admission by Austria of the failure of a third attempt to subdue Servia, and the advance claimed by the war office at Nis for the armies operating against the invaders, it is believed here that Austria's assaults upon the domain of King Peter may completely collapse. Austrian forces in Servia were weakened that additional troops might be sent to the army operating against the Russians in the Carpathians. The Servian army immediately fell upon and put to rout the weakened right wing of the Austrians, and pushed on toward Belgrade. Another portion of the Austrian army was thrown back toward the Drina. This drive forced the enemy back into Bosnia, where the Montenegrin army is reported to have cut it off.

The sudden defeat of the Austrians after it was believed Servia had all but been crushed is one of the surprises of the war. It is declared, however, that the Russian pressure through the Carpathians became so threatening and the demands that the invasion be repelled so insistent, that the reinforcing of the army became necessary.

Belgrade was taken by the Austrians only twelve days ago.

Report Berlin Panic
LONDON, Dec. 15.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Star this afternoon declares that news of the Austrian retreat from Servia created a panic in Berlin.

Announcement of the capture of Belgrade by the Austrians less than two weeks ago, was received with the greatest enthusiasm and resulted in great jubilation. The suddenness of the reverse suffered by the Austrians consequently came as a complete surprise in Germany.

PARIS DARK WITH ZEPPELIN FEAR

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Paris experienced the "Zeppelin chill" today. Shortly after midnight practically all the lights in the city were suddenly extinguished. Only a few small gaslights marked some of the darker street corners and a single lamp illuminated approaches to the bridges over the Seine.

Reports were circulated that the military authorities had received information that the city was threatened by German Zeppelins. The reports said to be approaching placed the number of the war aircraft from one to three.

MEETING CALLED OF CITIZENS WHO WANT MORE HEAT

La Crosse People Dissatisfied with Report of Representative of Railroad Commission

COMPLAINTS POURING IN TODAY

Mayor's Telephone Is Kept Busy by Property Owners Who Claim Service Is Inadequate Here

WING SAYS PLUMBING IS O. K.

Maintains His Was Installed Under Direction of the Company and "Choke Offs" Were Ordered

Municipal ownership of the gas light and heating utilities of the city was suggested today by several men prominent in the business and political life of the city.

It is probable that continued complaints on the part of subscribers to the various services of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power company may result in a campaign to purchase the utility for the city.

Under a new law passed at the last session of the legislature any city may take over any of its public utilities if a majority of the people favor the plan.

That they are by no means satisfied with the investigation and report of Joseph Shapiro, employee of the railroad commission here to probe gas, light and heating service furnished by the Wisconsin-Minnesota Light and Power Co., was the statement of many La Crosse people who this morning requested Mayor Ori J. Sorenson to call a meeting of citizens, utility men and Mr. Shapiro to "talk things over."

The mayor has called a meeting of citizens, who have complaints against their gas, light or heating services, to be held in the city hall at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Shapiro has agreed to be present, answer all questions and express his opinions as to why certain patrons of the Wisconsin-Minnesota company are shivering.

Wing Dissatisfied
Among the many dissatisfied with the report of Mr. Shapiro is E. M. Wing, vice president of the Batavian National bank.

"Perhaps Mr. Shapiro is right—that the plumbing in some of the residences is to blame for inadequacy of the service," he said. "The fact remains that for ten years I have had the service and it has been satisfactory. This year the house is not properly heated. The plumbing is the same this year as during the past ten years. Mr. Shapiro says that 'choke offs' or return pipes smaller than the feed pipes, help to reduce the amount of heat secured. My plumbing was installed under the direction of the company, then the Gas & Electric, and I was informed that the smaller return pipes were necessary."

Lawrence Is Cold
Mr. T. B. Lawrence is another patron who insists that he is cold this year. Mr. Lawrence had his plumbing re-arranged at the suggestion of company officials, he told Mayor Sorenson this morning, but got no better results.

Attorney Frank Winter maintains that much heat is lost by the company because of insufficient insulation of the mains.

"They're heating King street," said Mr. Winter. "Every winter the stretch over the mains is free from snow despite zero weather and heavy snowfall."

Water Gas O. K.
Some people here take issue with Mr. Shapiro's claim that water gas is as efficient for heating and illuminating purposes as coal gas. Mr. Shapiro, however, insists that he is right, pointing to Chicago where, he says, the water gas is said to be the richest gas in the country.

"I will be only too glad to meet citizens," he said today. "Any citizen can demand a public hearing by the commission if he so desires."

The hearing tomorrow will be informal.

INVADERS DRIVEN BACK OVER LINE DECLARES RUSSIA

German Army Threatening Warsaw from the North Reported Routed

AUSTRIANS CROSS CARPATHIANS

Swarming Through Passes Into Galicia to Lift the Siege of Przemyśl

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—So complete was the rout of the German army which invaded northern Poland from Mlawa that the force is now cleared from Russian territory and this plan of movement against Warsaw has apparently been abandoned, according to reports here today.

The army suffered extremely heavy losses in being driven back after taking Przasnysz. The remaining forces are now being redistributed, however, it is declared. Parts are reported as being sent north in East Prussia, to aid in the defense of the line in Mazurian lake region. Another part is being hurried south to aid in the fighting in the Carpathians.

Austrians Cross Passes

It is officially admitted here that the Austrians are descending the northern slopes of the Carpathians into Galicia through the Dukla Pass. This movement, it is declared, may be easily controlled, however. Owing to snow and ice, the mountain passes are extremely difficult for army operations. The Austrians will be forced to enter the valleys in detached commands, it is asserted, thus leaving them open to attack before they can reform.

This movement, which follows the retreat of the Russians from Hungary, is taken directed toward the relief of Przemyśl.

Slacken Attack Near Lowicz
Owing to the defeat in the north, the German forces in the region of Lowicz have not been pressing their attack as vigorously as before. Advances here indicate that with their support from the north of the Vistula cut off, the Germans may now entrench in permanent positions rather than attempt a further forward movement.

WANT STANDARD MACHINES

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—L. H. Waite of Seymour, president of the Wisconsin Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association, opened a three days' convention here today with a plea for standardization of farm machinery.

"As it is now there is a multiplicity of makes," he said. "This results in the retailer paying more for his wares, and consequently the dealer."

FLOUR TO FEED BELGIANS OFF ON LONG TRIP

Local Contribution Closes Today and Two Cars Are Going East; Third Starts Tomorrow

MORE THAN \$2,300 GIVEN HERE

This Is Conservative Estimate of Amount Contributed by La Crosse and the Vicinity

Two carloads of flour, part of the contribution of La Crosse and vicinity to the Belgian Flour fund, which closed today in La Crosse, were shipped from La Crosse yesterday and are on their way to make up the relief cargo to leave Philadelphia within two or three weeks. The third car, delayed by late contributions, is expected to be consigned tomorrow for Philadelphia. The flour, it is thought, will reach the seaboard in eight or nine days, depending on the traffic conditions of the railroads.

The seven hundred dollar cargo, the contribution of Madison, has been included in the shipment of the La Crosse consignment, so that it will reach Philadelphia at the same time as does that from this place. The shipment from Galesville, representing in round numbers \$250, will be sent soon.

The total of the contributions from La Crosse and vicinity, and from Galesville, has been placed conservatively at \$2,300 by A. L. Goetzmann, leader of the movement in La Crosse. Of individual contributions, that from the employees of the Burlington road, \$65, is one of the largest. The campaign among the employees of the road was started a week ago. The sum of \$39 received from the Interstate Oil company on their one-half cent per gallon tax on wagon sales for two weeks, is one of the largest of the list.

The action of the W. A. Roosevelt company in placing a five cent levy on their invoices, which from December 1 to December 10, numbered 460, added \$23.

Contributions for the fund are to close at 6 o'clock tonight, in order to permit the shipment of the flour to Philadelphia in time to receive space in the hold of the relief ship.

ARREST BABY-BARRIER

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Charles F. Cogleton, wealthy apartment house owner who was charged with barring from his flat tenants with babies, on the violation of an old Illinois law, was today discharged by Judge Ryan, who held that the state failed to make its case. Cogleton was arrested on complaint of J. Warren Izzett, who charged that he was refused a renewal of his lease because of a baby boy.

AUSTRIA REPORTED TO HAVE SOUGHT PEACE WITH RUSSIA AND REFUSED TERMS FIXED

ALLIES REPORT ADVANCE GAINED ON FLEMISH LINE

Combined French and British Attack with Success West of Wytschaete

FRENCH ADVANCE IN ALSACE

Advance Five Miles from Aspach Against Altkirch and Mulhausen

PARIS, Dec. 15.—In an attack made by the French and British on the German lines between Hollebeke and Wytschaete, English troops drove the enemy from a wood west of the latter town and captured the position. The French troops also gained ground which they held despite determined counter attacks by the Germans.

The official communique issued by the war office today indicates that it was in this region that the most desperate fighting occurred yesterday. Intermittent cannonading is reported between the Somme and the Argonne.

Advance in Alsace

It is evident that the French troops in the lost province of Alsace are conducting a vigorous offensive which is expected to carry their lines further than at any time during the war. An advance of five miles has already been made from Aspach. The fighting, which is for control of roads leading to Mulhausen, is fast developing into a general forward movement of the French whose artillery is trying to blast a way through the German lines for the advance. A movement against Altkirch is rapidly enveloping that position.

An attempt of the Germans north of Cernay to assume the offensive was smothered by the French and the attack of the enemy was repulsed.

O. K. LAKE SHORE BUY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The upstate public service commission today decided the New York Central merger case, authorizing the purchase of the Lake Shore stock.

TODAY'S WAR MOVES

FRANCE — British capture woods west of Wytschaete and French hold ground gained along Yser despite vigorous counter-attacks.

ENGLAND — British and French make "substantial progress" through combined attack between Hollebeke and Wytschaete, east of Ypres. Two British cruisers reported off Punta Arenas demand that German cruiser Dresden surrender or come out and fight.

RUSSIA — Defeat of the Germans in northern Poland declared complete. Enemy reported driven beyond East Prussian border.

SERBIA — Belgrade reoccupied by Servians, Austrian army in Servia suffers complete defeat.

AUSTRIA — Failure of Servian campaign admitted. Reports Austria made tentative peace proposal to Russian but refused to accede to demands by the czar's government.

GERMANY — The Austro-German offensive in Poland declared to have forced Russians to withdraw northward.

TURKISH — Turkish cruiser declared to have bombarded Batum Dec. 10. After setting fire to city, cruiser escaped.

SETTLE ON PLAN TO CHECK BULLETS

Cabinet Decides on Course at Naco and Private Orders Are Sent to Bliss

BRYAN IS NOT SURE OF GROUND

President and Most of Advisers Say Firing Would Not Be Act of War or Reprisal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A definite and decisive plan of action to stop Mexican bullets flying over the United States border at Naco was decided upon by the administration at today's cabinet meeting.

Orders were telegraphed General Bliss, commanding the border, this afternoon by Secretary Garrison, who will make them public later this afternoon when they reach Bliss. That the policy adopted by the president and his cabinet will not entail any clash between United States and Mexican forces, was stated emphatically by cabinet officers after their meeting.

It is understood that an ultimatum, terse and forceful, will be sent the warring Mexican generals, Hill and Maytorena. It will be so couched as to insure obedience. The warning will indicate that the United States has reached the end of its patience and will not longer tolerate firing into this country.

Only decisive measures will end the shooting across the border at Naco, Arizona. This is the substance of a report received today from Gen. Bliss, on duty there, transmitted to the war department.

The state department has been so informed but up to the present it has declined to issue the orders which will turn the American artillery against the Mexican trenches. Secretary Bryan is still endeavoring to force Provisional President Gutierrez to order the withdrawal of the Maytorena forces from their position facing Naco.

There is not the slightest doubt that most of the bullets which have killed or wounded half a hundred persons on American soil in the last seven weeks have been fired by the troops under Gov. Maytorena of Sonora, who is endeavoring to crush the Carranzista forces under Gen. Hill. Army officers believe firmly that a volley from the American artillery, posted at Naco, would end all of the trouble.

Not Act of War

The president and most of his advisers take the position that firing on the Mexicans under existing circumstances would not be either an act of war or an act of reprisal. Secretary Bryan held that view when the original orders were issued for Gen. Bliss to "stand no more foolishness," but later he began to waver and the orders were held up. He is now "investigating."

CUTS THROAT—WILL DIE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Dwight Jackson, 57, member of the firm of Dwight and Marshall Jackson, printers, attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at his home in Oak Park today, according to a report made to the police. Members of the family said he had been despondent because of ill health. Physicians say he cannot live.

DEMANDS OF THE CZAR TOO GREAT FOR DUAL EMPIRE

Terms Included Surrender of Galicia to Be Joined as Russ Kingdom with Poland

DEMANDED LAND FOR SERBIA

Would Have Had Bosnia and Herzegovina Turned Over to the Allies

INSISTED ON SPLIT WITH KAISER

Self-government for Bohemia Is Also Said to Have Been Demanded

BERNE, Dec. 15.—Austria has made a tentative peace proposal to Russia, but exchanges between the two governments in which Russia made known the terms that would be demanded were without results, Swiss newspapers reported today.

In replying to the proposal of Austria, Russia indicated that severe demand will be made when peace is ultimately discussed. The terms offered Austria during the negotiations which just failed, included: The surrender of Galicia to Poland, these two provinces to form a kingdom under Russian sovereignty; the surrender of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Serbia and Montenegro; withdrawal from the alliance with Germany; granting of a new constitution to Austro-Hungary; dividing it into federal states and the granting of autonomy to Bohemia.

Austria refused all demands made by Russia.

FIRE DAMAGES SCOFIELD RESIDENCE

Noon-day Blaze Destroys Roof of Residence and Damages Furniture and Woodwork

Fire which started from an overheated chimney destroyed the roof and a portion of the upper story of the Frank H. Scofield residence, 423 South Fourteenth street, and did between \$1,000 and \$2,000 damage shortly after noon today.

With fire department No. 1 responding immediately, the flames were checked before the lower floors were attacked.

Smoke driven from the attic to the floor beneath attracted attention. With the help of neighbors, all valuable furniture, rugs and ornaments were carried into the street.

Water damaged furniture and woodwork.

The loss is covered by insurance.

WEATHER

Temperatures yesterday:
High, 2.
Low, —6.
Precipitation, 0.

Forecast for La Crosse and vicinity: Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.

For Wisconsin: Fair and colder tonight; Wednesday fair and continued cold; fresh westerly winds.

For Minnesota: Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.

For Iowa: Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.

Weather Conditions
A vast field of high pressure covers the country, except in the extreme northeast, and freezing temperatures are reported as far south as the Gulf coast, and zero temperature as far south as Louisville, Ky., and east to Toledo. It has moderated somewhat from South Dakota to Texas and is colder in the Atlantic states, Montana and western North Dakota. The lowest temperature within the United States is 18 degrees below in eastern North Dakota; in the Canadian northwest, 20 below at Winnipeg.

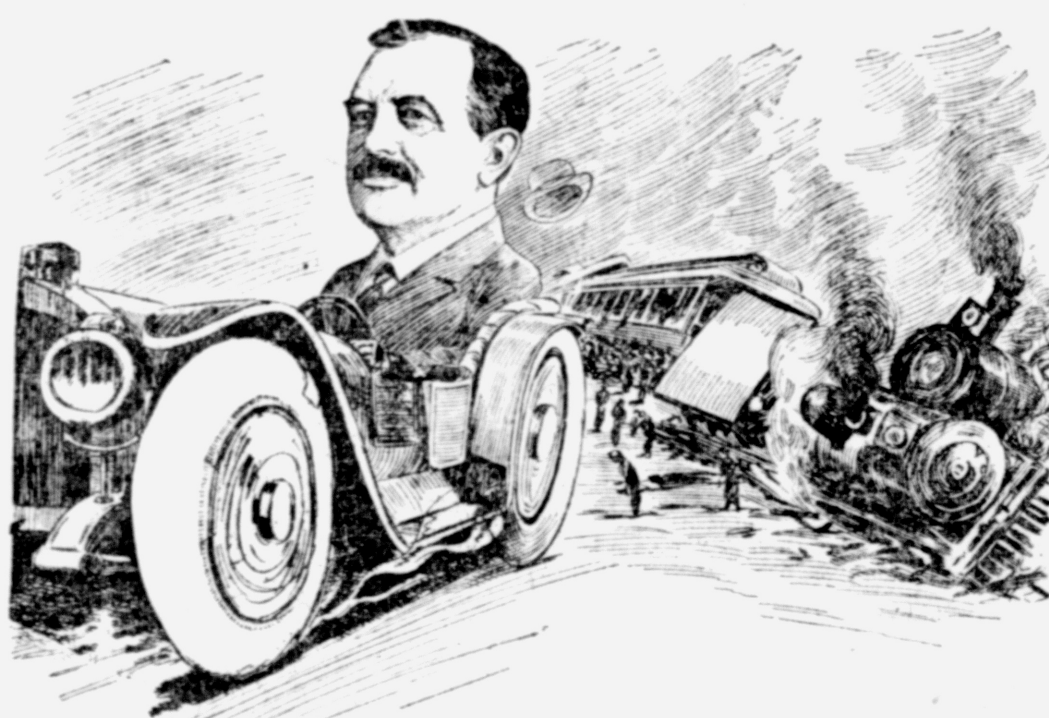
Light snow has occurred at most western stations and continues this morning in South Dakota and in Iowa. It is also snowing in northern Michigan. Elsewhere the weather is generally clear.

Fair weather is indicated for this section tonight and Wednesday. The temperature will be slightly lower tonight and continue moderately low over Wednesday.

Business Is Good

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Pullman company announced that it has received an order from the Northern Pacific railroad for the construction of 92 cars at a cost of \$1,500,000. This sum, officials of the company said, represents the actual cost of construction.

"With this order on our books," said an official of the company, "we can keep 6,500 men at work all winter."



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 \$175.00 No. 7 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$75.00 No. 8 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$45.00 No. 9 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$115.00 No. 10 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$65.00 No. 11 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$100.00 No. 12 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold
 \$75.00 No. 13 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$125.00 No. 14 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$160.00 No. 15 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$115.00 No. 16 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$100.00 No. 17 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold	 \$200.00 No. 18 Fine White Diamond 14k. Solid Gold

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(formerly Crown Expert and Painless Extractor in the largest Dental Office on the Pacific Coast).

TO SYSTEMATIZE XMAS CHARITIES

Associated Charities Head Will Co-operate with All Agencies for Giving; Ask for Names

To give aid to a very needy family in La Crosse on Christmas day is the aim of Miss Nadia Thomas, secretary of the Associated Charities.

While the organization will not try to care for the families itself, a plan has been outlined by which they hope to "general" the charitable agencies of the city and all individuals who will give personal aid.

Many churches, the La Crosse Rescue Mission, church societies, the Boy Scouts and others, are preparing to give baskets and in some instances small presents to the children and poor families whose means will not allow of luxuries.

Miss Thomas has asked those agencies to give her the list of those which are to be helped. Many are desirous of helping some family, but do not know where to find the family.

These persons will be given names by the Associated Charities.

Miss Thomas asks for the names in order that no duplications will be made, and in order that all needs will be cared for.

Those who want to help have been asked to call on Miss Thomas for names, and also those who know of poor families, are requested to report them to the Associated Charities.

EXECUTE SON-IN-LAW OF GEN. HUERTA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—General Puentes, whose son is the husband of Huerta's daughter, and four minor officers were executed by a firing squad in the Spanish cemetery at Mexico City on December 9, Special Agent Silliman wired the state department today.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief, 50c.

An English sparrow is as busy as the bee, and has no closed season.

IT'S NO FUN BEING MERMAID, SHE SAYS

Emily Stevens.

It isn't necessary to have a little fish tell you that playing a mermaid is the hardest kind of work. Just ask Miss Emily Stevens, who is playing Swanhill, the mermaid daughter of the King of the Sea, in "The Garden of Paradise," now running in New York. She says it's the hardest task she ever undertook.

The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

A LITTLE STRATEGY

BY DONALD ALLEN

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"Why, Susan, I am surprised!"

"I don't see why, Amanda!"

"You have been a widow for three years."

"Yes."

"You are only thirty-eight years old."

"That's all."

"And you own this house and lots of money in the bank."

"Well."

"Well, when you tell me that there is no man shining up to you I must wonder what sort of a male population you have got around here."

It was Mrs. Amanda Baker, a married sister, who had come on a visit to the widow Spicer.

"I hadn't given a thought to marrying again," said the widow.

"Nonsense! Your John was a good man and a good husband, but he was only one out of a million."

"Amanda!"

"But you are not. I believe he went to heaven, and he has got happiness enough. Besides, he can't know whether you are a widow and have to shovel your own paths all winter, or you have a husband to do that and lots of other things for you."

"But lots of people think we should marry but once," protested the widow.

"And lots of people are fools for thinking so! I don't believe in husband and wife getting a divorce three or four times over to try another mate, but I do believe in a widower or widow getting married again. There is everything to say for it, and nothing against it. We were placed here to take what comfort we could. Any one but an idiot knows we can take more of it in the marriage state than in the other."

"Would you marry again if Peter should die?"

"Most certainly I would, and he'd do the same. Peter is a very handy man to run down cellar, feed the pig, shut up the hens, thaw out the pump when it's frozen, and kill off rats when they get too thick, and if he dies some other good man must replace him. He likes hash and hot biscuit and pickled peaches, and when I die he'll have a look around and find somebody to do as well as I have."

"But they say there is no love in a second marriage."

"That's why they are generally so happy. There is respect and common sense in place of namby-pambyism."

Nothing more was said on the subject until two or three days later. Mrs. Baker walked around alone and had a look at the men.

"Susie, who is Mr. Atkinson?" she asked one evening.

"Why, he keeps a dry goods store."

"Yes, I know. I was in there. He is a fine looking man."

"Yes."

"Something tells me he is a widower."

"I—I believe so."

"You believe so? Why, you know he is. Do you do your shopping there?"

"Sometimes."

"What kind of a housekeeper has he got?"

"An old maid sister, older than he is."

"And I'll bet she can't cook for shucks, and she makes his bed with the foot the highest. Susan, there is a widower that needs the care of a good wife."

"I think he could have his pick among half a dozen."

"But you don't size him up right. He is bashful and diffident. I'll bet his wife had to do the proposing. He realizes the need of a wife, but that he must go through the courtship again scares him half to death."

"The poor man!"

"Something tells me, sister, that he has thought of you."

"If he has, he has kept very quiet about it."

"I told you he was bashful. When he proposes it will be very sudden and through excitement. My Peter is just such a man. We were riding out one evening, and not talking a word of love, either. In fact, I wasn't really sure that I loved him, and he hadn't given me a hint as to his feelings. What do you suppose happened when the horse suddenly bolted and ran away?"

"Why, you were both thrown out."

"Nothing of the sort. Peter slipped an arm round my waist and hugged me up to him and yelled at the horse to go it, and said to me: 'Amanda, you are the only girl in all this world for me. Will you be my wife?'"

"And love came to you?"

"It just bubbled right up."

"And the runaway horse?"

"He stopped so dead still that we almost went over the dashboard. There was no need of his running away any further."

After the women had had a laugh over the circumstance, the elder continued: "Was the bridge over the river swept away last spring?"

"Yes, we had a big freshet."

"And there is a narrow foot bridge now?"

"Yes. Only the few people living on this side of the river have to use it."

"But Mr. Atkinson uses it?"

"He lives in the big house on the hill."

"And he always comes home to dinner at 6 o'clock?"

"He does, Amanda, but have you been spying?"

"Not exactly. It's what you might call laying the groundwork. Susan, can you row a boat?"

"Lands, yes. Haven't I lived beside this millpond for ten years?"

"Let's see," mused Mrs. Baker. "At this season of the year it is dark at 5:30 o'clock, and Mr. Atkinson crosses at 6. That will do nicely. Know you've got a hand saw around the house, because I've seen it."

"Sister," asked the widow, as her face grew anxious, "you must tell me what sort of a job you are putting up."

"I want you to do as I tell you, from 5:30 to 6 this evening you will be in your boat just below the foot bridge."

"Well?"

"If any one falls off the bridge rescue him."

"But how can any one—"

"You never mind that, but do as I tell you. There is such a thing as diplomacy, but you are too big a goose to practice it. Get the saw and leave it at the front door and don't you attempt to spy on me and see what use I make of it."

It was in vain that the widow beseeched further information, but she stuck to her promise to be on the river with the boat. Her sister took up the saw and made off as soon as dusk descended, and where she went or what she did was only to be guessed at.

At 6 o'clock footsteps were heard on the bridge. So was something TWO SHORT STORY h'sh9bT else—a crash—a yell and a splash, and next moment the boatman was crying out.

"Catch hold of the skiff and I will tow you ashore!"

When the shore was reached there stood Mrs. Baker, who took a sharp look at the wet and scared man.

"Who you got here?" she asked.

"Mr. Saxon, the cooper."

"You old fool, why did you inter-

Scott-Rose Millinery

Department—Miss Carrie Morris in Charge.

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YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

The Young People's Union of St. Paul's Universalist church will hold their regular monthly business meeting tonight in the church parlors. An annual election of officers will be the chief business. Following the meeting, a social hour will be enjoyed. All members are requested to be present.

COLD GENERAL IN WEST

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 15.—The first cold wave of the season swept the northwest yesterday. Eleven degrees below zero was registered in St. Paul yesterday. Just before noon the temperature was 9 below. Duluth is the coldest in the United States reported, with a temperature of 16 below. At Winnipeg it was 22 below.

M'CORMICK III STARTS

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Cyrus McCormick III, son of Cyrus McCormick, president of the International Harvester company of Chicago, is in Madison to learn the harvester business from the "ground up," as his father expressed it in a letter of introduction which the young man presented to the branch office of the company here.

Important Difference.

"Who can furnish a clear definition of a politician?" inquired the professor. "I can," said the son of a congressman. "To which party do you refer?"

Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy is Home-Made

Easily Prepared in a Few Minutes. Cheap but Unequaled

Some people are constantly annoyed on one year's end to the other with a persistent bronchial cough, which is wholly unnecessary. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make you wonder what became of it.

Get 2½ ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) and any druggist, pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking it at once, gradually but surely you will notice the cough thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also loosens dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals inflammation in a painful cough with remarkable rapidity. Ordinary coughs conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, winter coughs and bronchial asthma.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup mixture makes a full pint—enough to last a family a long time—at a cost of only 54 cents. Keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant. Easily prepared. Full directions with Pinex.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in quinine, and is famous the world over for its ease, certainty and promptness in overcoming bad coughs, chest and throat colds.

Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for "2½ ounces Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Daddy's Bedtime Story — Worth Her Weight In Gold



John Hull dressed himself in a plum colored coat.

"I'll tell you a story tonight, kiddies, about a young lady whose daddy thought she was worth a good deal."

"All daddies think that!" cried Evelyn nappily as she snuggled down beside daddy for the evening story.

"That is so," replied daddy, "but not many of us can show it, as did Captain John Hull, who was mint master of Massachusetts in early colonial days."

"When the captain had grown very rich a young man came courting his only daughter, Betsy."

"Now, Betsy was by no means so slender as are some of the damsels of our own time. She had been fed on pies and doughnuts and Indian puddings until she was as round and plump as a pudding herself."

"So with this round, rosy Miss Betsy did Samuel Sewell fall in love, and when he proposed for her hand the father rather roughly told him that he would find her rather a heavy burden, but to take her. But he never said he would give her anything for a wedding dowry."

"On the wedding day honest John Hull dressed himself in a plum colored coat, all the buttons of which were made of pine tree shillings, the buttons of his waistcoat sixpences, and the knees of his short breeches were buttoned with silver threepences."

"Thus attired, he sat very dignifiedly in a great chair, and, being a portly old gentleman, he completely filled it from elbow to elbow."

"On the opposite side of the room sat Miss Betsy between her bridesmaids and bustling like a full-blown peony."

"The bridegroom came in and the minister, and when the ceremony had been performed Captain Hull shook his son-in-law by the hand and wished him much joy of his penniless bride."

"I married my wife for love, spoke up Mr. Samuel Sewell proudly, 'and I can make a living for her just as good as she has ever had.'

"Mr. Hull was secretly much pleased with this independent son-in-law, but what he said was:

"Well, I think my daughter Betsy is worth her weight in gold. Bring me the scales, men."

"Two men came tugging in a pair of scales and some big bags."

"Get into the scales, Betsy," commanded her father.

"So Betsy got on one side of the scales. Then into the other side the men poured gold pieces from the bags until the scales exactly balanced."

"There," said her father; "that is Betsy's dowry, and I hope she makes son as good a wife as she has been a daughter to me."

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There!" was exclaimed. "You get along with you or I'll throw you back to dawn!"

It was in vain that the widow asked for explanations. The sister was still silent and sulky when a knock came at the door, and in walked Mr. Atkinson. He was much excited, and he stammered as he addressed the widow.

"If I hadn't been detained ten minutes I should have been the one to go through the bridge. I cannot swim a stroke, but you would have been there to save me. I want to thank you just as if you had saved me, and—"

And the elder sister sneaked out of the room.

To Have Smooth, White, Soft Skin All Winter

Does your skin chap or roughen early in this weather, or become unduly red or blotchy? Let me tell you a quick, easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft the winter long. Just get an ounce of ordinary mercolized wax at the nearest drugstore and use a little before retiring, as you would cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with sudsy water. The wax, through some peculiar attribute, fluffs off the rough, discolored or blemished skin. The worn-out cuticle comes off just like dandruff on a diseased scalp, only in almost invisible particles. Mercolized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from devitalized scarf skin and only the healthy, young-looking skin is in evidence. It's the best treatment known for weatherbeaten, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbecoming complexions.

Some skins wrinkle easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered exfolite in ½ pint witch hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line. The Woman Beautiful.

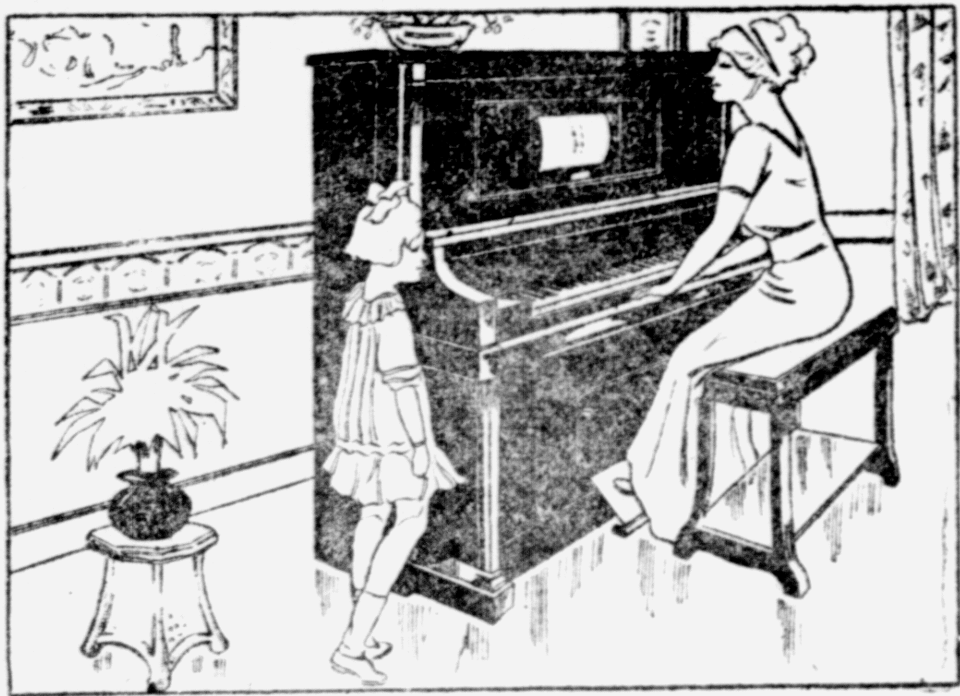
Skin tortures will yield to Resinol

If you have eczema, ringworm or other itching, burning, unsightly skin eruptions, try Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap and see how quickly the itching stops and the trouble disappears, even in severe, stubborn cases. Resinol Ointment is also an excellent household remedy for pimples, dandruff, sores, burns, wounds, boils, and for a score of other uses where a soothing, healing application is needed.

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MAKE THE PARLOR ATTRACTIVE

Keep the young folks satisfied with their home. Now is the best time to select your **CHRISTMAS PIANO** or **PLAYER PIANO**, the ideal gift for the entire family.



STORY & CLARK'S—The safest place to buy it. Being the largest manufacturers of Pianos and Player Pianos, we positively know that only the best of materials are used in the construction of our instruments, and only the most skilled workmen employed to build them.

Why consider the purchase of an **INFERIOR** Player Piano, the product of some **UNKNOWN** manufacturer, when at the same price, you can buy a **HIGH-GRADE**, well-known instrument of **ESTABLISHED** reputation?

Here are just a few of our many bargains we have in stock that are exchanged in part payment for new Story & Clark Pianos and Player Pianos, and we must get rid of them within the next nine days to make room for our new stock that is coming in January.

Estey Upright, walnut case \$98.00

3 Story & Clark's, very slightly used, \$175 to \$237. Big bargains.

Organs at very low prices, \$5.00 to \$10.00. One Square Piano for repairing to worthy party.

Now remember we carry the largest stock of Pianos and Player Pianos in La Crosse. Do not fail to call in and see what a large factory can do for you, and save the purchaser \$50 to \$75 on a piano. We sell direct from Factory to your Home, thus saving Dealers' Profit. All Pianos strictly warranted. (Ask your banker if it is good.)

We have just what we advertise. We very cordially invite the music loving public to call at our store, 603 Main Street, La Crosse, Wis., and be convinced of our Factory to Home Proposition.

STORY & CLARK PIANO CO.

Open Evenings. Both Phones.
L. F. KING, Manager.

CAR SERVICE DELAYED

Traffic on the north side street car line was held up for nearly a half hour last night when a rear spring of a heavily loaded extra car broke while crossing the Burlington

tracks at the La Crosse river bridge during the rush hour. No one was hurt in the accident.

It's human nature to want other people to be liberal.

PAVE STREETS IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN

Council Votes to Lay Paving on Bluff Street and to Build Sewers; Work to Start Early in Spring

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—With but few dissenting votes, the city council last week voted to pave five blocks of Bluff street, extending from the Burlington railroad to the slough bridge. Work will be started in the near future if the weather permits.

Build Sewers
G. W. Kirchhoff, Madison, who has been engaged to make plans for the building of a sewer system in Prairie du Chien, is now here. With other experts, he is drawing plans for work which will be started in the early spring.

Bids will be let in a few days. It has not been decided what material will be used.

Masons Entertain
The Prairie du Chien Masonic lodge will entertain the Eastern Star and Royal Arch chapters at a banquet and joint installation of officers Wednesday night at the Masonic hall. Invitations have been sent to all out of town members of the local lodge. Wives and families of the members have been invited. A large attendance is expected.

Hold Meetings
Quarterly meetings will be held at Zion Evangelical church commencing Friday evening and lasting over Sunday. Rev. F. A. Troutman will be assisted by the presiding elder of this district.

Entertain Society
The Ladies' society of the Methodist church was entertained Friday afternoon in the church parlors by Mesdames E. I. Kidd, William Dyke, Frank Gander, W. A. Johnson, and T. Fields. The next meeting of the society will take place January 8.

Entertain Guild
The Ladies' Guild of the Trinity Episcopal church will meet next Wednesday at the Guild hall. Entertaining will be done by Mesdames H. Bachelder, F. S. Clinton and Laura Wright.

Personals
Rev. F. A. Troutman and wife are spending a few days in Monona, Ia., where the former is assisting in a quarterly meeting.

Mrs. W. B. Tarrt spent Saturday in La Crosse.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Moore of Mason City, Iowa, and Miss Nettie Sprague of Trueman, Minn., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hahn.

Personal Ambition.
Personal ambition is a quite honorable motive. The desire for approval and praise is something which nobody should despise. But a man should not stake everything upon those; otherwise, when his works fail to obtain recognition he is disappointed. He should have in himself as his primary motive something which makes him independent of those things, something which prevents him from doing all those little things which impede public work, and make it difficult for men to work with others.—Sir Edward Grey.

GERMAN CRUISER MAY BE INTERNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The German cruiser *Cormoran*, with her coal, provisions and water exhausted, has been given the alternative of interning in the ports of the island of Guam or leaving before ten a. m. today.—Guam time.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today.

The Road TO Yesterday

With Carlyle Blackwell, the Famous Players star actor

Tonight and Wednesday At The LYRIC

A wonderful five reel drama from the book of the same name.

TO RACE ON COAST



Bob Burman (top) and Barney Oldfield.

Barney Oldfield and Bob Burman, the two greatest dirt track drivers in the world, have finally been matched. They have agreed to meet in a fifty-mile event at Los Angeles on Dec. 20, the title of world's circular dirt track champion to be awarded the winner.

Oldfield and Burman have been rivals for nearly ten years. Race promoters have tried time after time to match the two, but some obstacle always arose and they have never met on a circular dirt track.

Ab Adkin admits that his garden didn't pay very well, but he consoles himself with the thought that he didn't let it interfere with his fishing a great deal.

NORTH SIDE

TRAINS "FREEZE" IN N. S. YARDS

Trainmen on Milwaukee Road Have Difficulty in Moving Carriers Today

If you have any doubts as to the temperature this morning, ask switchmen in the Milwaukee yards. Two switch engines besides the big "K" locomotive on the head end were required to move "second 63" out of the yards this morning for Minneapolis. The sixty-five cars of the train were frozen up.

An addition of two trains each way on the La Crosse division and three trains in and out on the River division has resulted from the cold snap, which has necessitated the shortening of trains on account of frozen up journals. Trains on the Burlington have not yet been cut, there being no rule in the road's schedule for such action except at the discretion of trainmen and yardmen. The Milwaukee road has a fixed rule for the shortening of trains for each drop in temperature below the zero mark.

North Side Briefs

O'Neil Shoe Store. Ladies felt \$1. John Semington has returned to his home, 1503 Charles street, from his claim at Makoti, N. D., where he spent the summer and fall. He was accompanied by Odie Moen of Spring Grove, Minn., who also has a claim at Makoti.

Miss Bina Keaveney is home from Kewanee, Ill., for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keaveney, 327 Caledonia street. Miss Keaveney has been playing vaudeville at Kewanee for some time.

Mrs. M. M. Alban has returned to her home in Savanna, after spending several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Brodt, 1628 Kane street. She was accompanied home by her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Brodt.

Mr. and Mrs. Yodse, Minneapolis, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennett, 1702 Wood street. Mrs. M. J. LaCourt, 716 Caledonia street, is visiting friends at Milwaukee.

The Christian Endeavor of the North Presbyterian church met last night at the home of Floyd Hansen, 1511 Caledonia street.

The Good Samaritans will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Rick, 1601 Loomis street. Paul Marcou has returned to his home, 1007 Rose street, after a visit with friends in Stoddard.

Miss Orabella Sullivan, who spent the past few days in Sparta, has returned to her home, 317 Mill street.

Miss Gertrude Clemens is again able to be about after having been confined to her home, 1204 Avon street, with illness.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson has returned to her home in Prairie du Chien, after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Glasson, 1416 George street.

Mrs. Joe Ott, 1430 Wood street, is slowly recovering from the illness which has confined her to one of the local hospitals for the past week.

Miss Fay Kinney is again able to be about after having been confined to her home, 1522 Berlin street, with illness.

Miss Louise Larson has returned to Houston after a few days' visit with north side friends and relatives.

Mrs. John Dugan, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dugan, 1512 Charles street, has left for Austin, Minn., for a few days' visit.

JOHN J. CAULUM BURIED TODAY

The funeral of John J. Caulum, aged resident of the North side who died Saturday of injuries received in a fall at the La Crosse Plow company, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home of the son-in-law, Cellan Swennes, 1425 Berlin street. Rev. E. O. Vik of the Charles Street Lutheran church officiated. Burial took place in Oak Grove cemetery.

Hans Mickelstad, Elauf Opsahl, Erick Stendahl, Oscar Olson, Andrew Gilbertson and Ole Graf acted as pallbearers.

ENGINE THROWS TIRE

Train No. 52, the Oriental Limited on the Burlington, due here at noon, was delayed an hour and a half this morning when the locomotive cast a tire at Pepin. The engine from the way freight was taken and the train brought to La Crosse.

CONDUCTOR BURIED

The funeral of S. A. Dunn, 65, a conductor on the Superior division of the Milwaukee, was held yesterday at 2 o'clock from the Elks club in Milwaukee, burial taking place in Forest Home cemetery.

Down for the Count.

According to the dental science of zomotherapy a blow on the jaw anesthetizes the tooth zone. Indeed, we have known this treatment to anesthetize a man so completely that he remained fast asleep while the referee counted ten.

Odd and Even.

His Wife—"I don't want you to be coming home at such odd hour." Husband—"All right, dear, I'll try to make it four instead of three."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

Choose Your

Xmas PIANO TODAY

from our lines of the best Pianos and Player-Pianos manufactured. See this list: Everett, Emerson, Lindeman & Sons and Faber.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

PIANOS taken in exchange on high grade Player-Pianos.

One Stuyvesant Upright, used, at	\$135	One new slightly used Organ at	\$35
One \$400 Wheelock Upright, used, at	\$125	One Sterling Organ, used, at	\$15
One \$300 Miller Upright, slightly used, at	\$165	One Chicago Organ, used, at	\$25
One \$200 Valley Gem Upright, slightly used, at	\$145	One Putnam Organ, used, at	\$38
One \$400 Bush & Gerts, slightly used, at	\$195	One Shouinger Organ, used, at	\$18
One \$850 Knabe Grand, used, at	\$50	One Standard Organ at	\$10
One \$850 Sohmer Grand, used, at	\$225	One Mason & Hamlin Organ, used, at	\$20
One \$500 Player Piano, slightly used, at	\$275	One six octave Net-zow Organ, used, at	\$25
		One Packert Organ, used, at	\$25
		One \$85 Packert Organ, slightly used, at	\$35

Sold for Cash or Easy Payments.

Call at once if you want to get one of these bargains

DO YOU WANT SANTA CLAUS TO LEAVE A VICTROLA AT YOUR HOUSE?

Come in and see the various styles of Victors and Victrolas. Tell us which you like best and we'll pass the word along to good old St. Nick. We'll arrange all the details—even easy terms if desired—and see that the instrument is delivered whenever you want it.

VICTROLAS \$15 to \$200
Complete stock of Victor Records to select from.

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Do not overlook the fact that we carry the finest selected stock of player music.

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Instruments Bought for Christmas Will Be Delivered Any Day or Hour Desired



MODEST CONVICTS REFUSE REWARD

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 15.—Two convicts of the Illinois state penitentiary, who risked their lives to save a picture of Maude Ballington when fire attacked the prison chapel last night, lost the opportunity to become privileged "trusties" today because of their modesty.

"That was a remarkable act of heroism," said Warden Allen when the men were lined up after the flames had been extinguished. "If those

two men will step out of the ranks, I'll see that they are rewarded." Not a man stirred.

BOOZELESS SPREES OFFERED BY CITY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Five boozeless municipal dances, with cabaret acts and vaudeville numbers will be offered by the city welfare department on New Year's eve, in an effort to turn part of the revelers away from the cork popping festivities in Loop restaurants.

LIVE WIRE GIFTS For the HOME

Suggestions

FOR XMAS GIFTS

Electric Toasters	\$2.50 to \$4.50
Electric Flatirons	\$3.00 to \$4.00
Electric Percolators	\$7.00 to \$20.00
Electric Radiators.....	\$3.00 to \$8.00
Christmas Tree Outfits	\$3.00 to \$10.00
Electric Heating Pads, Grills, Chafing Dishes, Hot Plates, Fixtures, Reading Lamps, Flash-lights—A Complete Stock.	

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"They're Fine"

There is great satisfaction in making a gift which is known to be the best of its kind. It not only pleases the recipient, but expresses the good taste of the giver.

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These shoes are famous throughout the world for style, comfort and workmanship.

We have styles for business, dress or evening wear, and will cheerfully exchange sizes when necessary.

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DEAR PASTORS and TEACHERS:

This year we have the largest and most complete line of Fruits, Nuts and Candies we ever had.

We make special prices to churches and schools.

May we have your Christmas order for your church or school?

Yours to serve,

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TURKEY ATTACKED DECLARES SULTAN

CONSTANTINOPLE, Via Amsterdam, and London, Dec. 15.—Turkey entered the war. This was the explanation vouchsafed by Sultan Mohammed V. in his speech from the throne opening the Turkish parliament.

"While our government had firmly resolved on the strictest neutrality," he asserted, "our fleet was suddenly attacked by Russian vessels in the Black sea. England and France then opened hostilities on our frontier."

Those to Be Envied.

Those are most to be envied who soonest learn to expect nothing for which they have not worked, hard, and who never acquire the habit of plying themselves overmuch, even if in after life they happen to work in vain.—Lord Macaulay.

AFTER THE BATTLE
Coming Sunday, Dec. 20th.
La Crosse Theatre
6 Reel Feature.



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**MARGUERITE CLARK
IN "WILD FLOWER"**

Marguerite Clark, the dainty, magnetic star, is the latest stage celebrity to be converted to the screen, through the medium of the Famous Players' production "Wildflower" from the novel by Mary Germaine. Marguerite Clark attained the triumph of her brilliant career in "Baby Mine" and it is said that "Wildflower" provides her with many situations similar to those in her star success, in point of charm and an opportunity for the display of the many winsome qualities which she possesses.

"Wildflower" is a bewitching characterization, constructed for just such a star as Miss Clark. The story is a drama of the lights and shadows of the sun-kissed forest, and the depths and shallows of human life. "Wildflower" is painted as a child of nature, who knows not the meaning of love, until the one man waiting in all the world for her, proves to her that it is something other than mere desire and selfishness.

There are many tender passages in the production, many humorous touches, and some tinged with the little sadness that creep into any true story of life. But "Wildflower" sheds her fragrance throughout the four reels of the subject, a thing of beauty always, and always a symbol of nature's purity.

This Frohman attraction will be shown on Dec. 17, 18 and 19 at the Bijou theatre.

She Meant It All Right.

Teacher—Now, children, name some of the lower animals, starting with Willie Jones.

**A Sale of New Bracelet
Watches at Very Special
Prices Begins Today At
IRVINE'S**

20 Year Gold Filled Bracelet Watches, Elgin, Waltham, Hampden, 9.00, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$14.00.

PERSONALS

B.A. Yeomen meeting, dance Tues. Levi Gray left for Flandreau, S. D., where he will spend a couple of months.

A son was born Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Showen, 1619 South Ninth street, Sunday night.

Special sale on ferns and made up fern dishes and Christmas baskets Wednesday and Thursday at the Theater Cut Flower Store, 119 South Fifth and at Kienah's Green House.

A. M. Locken was a business visitor in La Crosse yesterday from Winona, Minn.

Mrs. S. S. Sheldon was a visitor here yesterday from Houston, Minn. Frank Sheldon was also here from Houston.

The people like to buy diamonds at Irvine's. Low prices, fine quality, large assortment.

S. Sylvester, Viroqua, Wis., is a business visitor in the city for a few days.

F. L. Koepke was a business visitor here yesterday from Whitehall.

White oak stove and furnace wood for sale. La Crosse Coopers Co.

Arthur Strum, La Crosse State Normal basketball player, is recovering from an accident in Saturday's game at Hillsboro in which he sprained his ankle.

Assistant Postmaster C. C. Looney is making room in the southern annex to the postoffice for handling the expected rush of parcel post mail for Christmas.

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Fifteen thousand dollars has been paid for 500 acres of farm land on the Mississippi river opposite Dresbach, Minn., in Onalaska township.

The transaction was between F. A. Chase, who formerly held the land, and J. L. Tilley. Tilley afterwards made a trade in which he disposed of the land to Maria Landmark, for \$6,000 and other considerations.

O. H. Griswold and S. C. Griswold, Winona, Minn., were business visitors in the city yesterday.

Exceptional holiday gifts and cards. The Hutton Company, 118 North Fifth street.

W. F. Raymond was a business visitor here yesterday from Trempealeau.

C. Motschenbacher, Alma Center, visited relatives in La Crosse yesterday.

Hand painted china in French, German and Beesley for Christmas gifts. Kloseheim's Millinery Store.

F. J. Hintz, Rib Lake, Wis., spent yesterday at a local hotel.

T. J. Abraham, Austin, Minn., returned to his home today after a visit with friends and relatives and while transacting business.

B. J. Lass was here yesterday from Lake City, Minn.

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J. E. Benson transacted business in La Crosse yesterday and returned today to his home at Eau Claire, Wis.

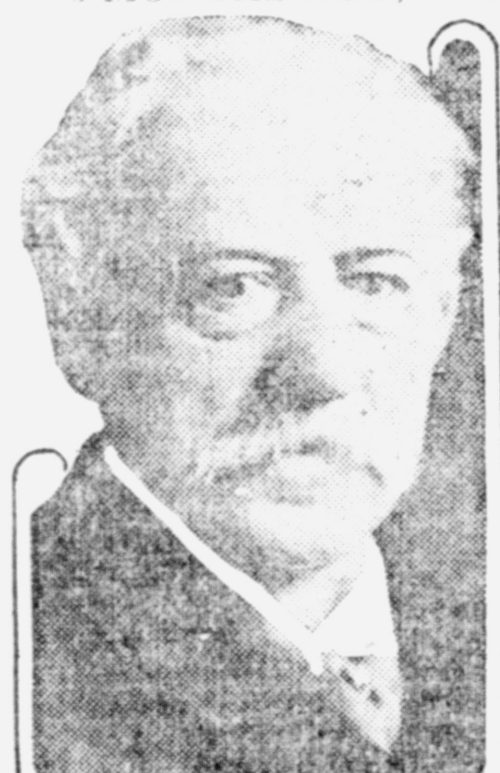
Emil T. Mueller, 221 South Sixth street, secretary of the G. Heileman Brewery company is recovering from an operation at the Lutheran hospital. The gall bladder was removed. It is expected that his recovery will be rapid.

C. W. Fife, Harmony, Minn., spent yesterday at a local hotel.

Drummond will save you money on watches and diamonds. 522 State.

C. S. Jones, Worthington, Minn., was a business visitor in La Crosse

**NO MORE WARS, SAYS
JORDAN; HE SAID IT
6 MONTHS AGO, TOO**



David Starr Jordan.

David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, who declared six months ago that there never could possibly be another great war, is now giving lectures about the country in which he repeats the statement. "By the time Europe has recovered from this war, international peace will be assured," says Jordan.

Please Do It As You Pass

I mean to look in my show windows, and see if you can't find a suitable Christmas gift. I've got them all marked in plain figures, and as reasonable as possible, too.

CHAS. BEYSCHLAG

Druggist, 503 Main Street

yesterday morning, returning to his home in the afternoon.

Life in the Philippines. An illustrated talk by Mr. Roswell C. Puckett at the Congregational church this evening at 8 p. m.

N. C. Koel was here yesterday from Caledonia, Minn.

O. H. Ruprecht, Dubuque, Iowa, spent yesterday here transacting business and calling on friends and relatives.

Should the Philippines have their independence? An illustrated talk by Mr. Roswell C. Puckett at the Congregational church tonight at 8:00.

J. O. Erickson was a visitor in La Crosse yesterday from Winona.

Hack calls day and night. Gateway City Transfer Co. Phone 179.

B. F. Coyle and E. H. Kneipe, Janesville, Wis., spent yesterday at a local hotel while transacting business about the city.

ALL U. S. PINCHED BY BITTER COLD

Cold Wave Extends from
Lakes to Gulf and
from Coast to
Coast

POOR SUFFER IN THE CITIES

Middle West Reports Sub-zero Temperatures;
Twenty Below at
Devil's Lake

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The entire United States was in the grip of a cold wave today. Boreas and Jack Frost united, the weather bureau said, to make ear muffs, wristlets and base burners popular. From Florida and the Gulf north, and from California to Maine, the cold wave extends.

A gradual warming up, possibly by Thursday was the forecast. Tonight and tomorrow will be cold.

Below zero temperatures were reported today in West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the northwest. Devil's Lake, N. D., reported the lowest, twenty below zero.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Hundreds of shelterless poor were driven to the municipal lodging-house and other charitable organizations today by the first bitterly cold weather of the winter. The sudden and penetrating cold, coming after a sharp drop of 35 degrees, brought acute suffering.

The mercury stood one-half degree above early today.

The municipal lodging house was filled by midnight. The overflow was cared for at the recreation pier at East Twenty-fourth street.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Servis Tailoring and Furnishing Goods company, C. T. Servis, president, wishes to thank its customers for the liberal support they have given the firm in the past. C. T. Servis, president, wishes to say that when he sold an interest in the store, all the outstanding stock was bought up and all indebtedness of the firm paid in full. As soon as a location can be found I will open up a high class tailoring and furnishing goods store. I desire to thank again my stockholders, customers and the public.

(Signed) C. T. SERVIS.

Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

NEW YORK.—The "agony column" of a newspaper publishes the following ad:

Reward—Black, white spaniel; fat; nervous; die without mistress.

NEW YORK.—While insisting he was never married, the late Robert L. Keene, a broker, left a will declaring that, if an alleged widow ever did appear, she should receive only \$50.

WASHINGTON.—Five hundred school pupils sang to Christmas shoppers in a department store soliciting contributions for a community holiday festival.

CHICAGO.—N-no—sir,—George E. Ritchie, Philadelphia, doesn't flirt. He is so cross-eyed his wife imagines he's giving the "come on" look to every girl he passes, he told Judge Uhler.

BOSTON.—After playing detective and capturing a burglar George Crockett allowed his man to escape while he was thinking what to do with him.

Same Old Referee, "Irregardless." At a smoker given by an athletic club in Kansas City recently, at which several lively boxing bouts were the chief attraction, the master of ceremonies announced: "There has been some criticisms made about the decision of the referee at the last smoker. But I want to say the same referee will continue to act, irregardless of them aspersions."—Kansas City Star.

SAYS NAVY LEAGUE IS OF LOBBY TYPE

Henley of Missouri Questions Disinterest of Chief

Men in the Organization

MORGAN INTERESTS ARE ACTIVE?

Points Out That Heads of Firms of Morgan Affiliations Belong to the League

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"That the navy league has all the earmarks of a lobby," was the charge made by Representative Henley of Missouri, "little navy" member of the house naval committee. He stated emphatically that he would ask investigation of this organization's alleged activities in favor of increased naval equipment, if he believed such a move would not delay adjournment of congress.

He broadly insinuated that the league is active in spreading the propaganda of an increased navy, and that it is to the material interest to several members of the league to get the support of congress.

That Morgan interests are involved was his intimation.

In support of this intimation, he challenged dispute of the claim that connected with the league are such men as General Horace Porter, for many years an officer of a Morgan subsidiary corporation; Herbert L. Satterlee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan; Charles G. Glover, head of the Riggs bank of this city, and Colonel Robert L. Thompson, head of the New York Metal exchange.

It takes a good woman to admire a man who isn't.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF SENATOR VEST BUD IN CAPITAL SOCIETY



Miss Mary Wheeler Vest.

Miss Mary Wheeler Vest, granddaughter of the late Senator Vest of Mississippi, who served in the United States senate for nearly thirty years, is one of the debutantes in Washington society this winter. She will be presented at a tea given by her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Harrison, late in December.

A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

IS MADE MERRY IF HIS GIFT IS USEFUL
IF HE IS A SPORTSMAN

A Duxbak Hunting Coat or Cap, a Rifle or Shotgun, or Fishing Tackle will appeal to him as nothing else will. We have Tool Chests and Manual Training Carpenter's Benches and Carving Tools of every description.

Gillette Safety Razors

STANDARD SETS

with silver plated Gillette Razor, 12 double-edged blades, in neat velvet lined leather case, \$5.00 at

Pocket Knives

A very choice selection of stag, bone, pearl handles. One, two, or three first quality blades, assorted shapes and sizes, priced up from

A Caloris or Vaco Bottle

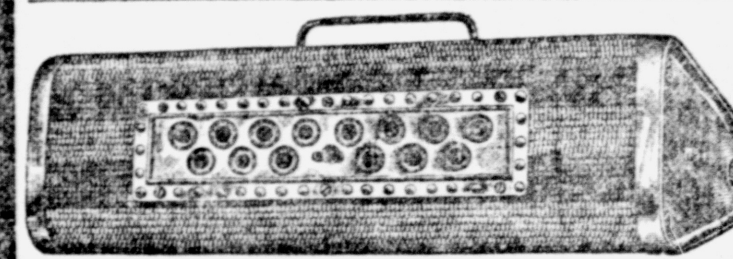
Is a wonderful convenience for the man who carries his lunch. It keeps coffee or tea hot for hours. Prices range from

\$1 to \$3.50



CALORIS

Clark's Ceramic Warmer for the man who drives. Prices \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50. Charcoal 6 Bricks for Warmer, 60c dozen.



Fred Kroner Hardware Co.

THIRD STREET, BETWEEN MAIN AND PEARL.
GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.
STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS.

CHILD BORN AFTER MOTHER'S DEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—New York physicians today were watching with great interest the battle for life that an infant but a few hours old is making at the Beth David hospital. The baby was born three minutes after its mother died. The case is the second of its kind in the city's history.

The mother, Mrs. Sadie Magner, was stricken with heart disease. Physicians determined to make an attack to save the baby. A Caesarian operation was performed.

At first the infant showed no signs of life. It was dipped alternately into two bowls of water, one cold and the other hot. It was soon breathing. Doctors say it is a normal baby and should live.

His Answer Was Correct.

Papa (concealing something in his hand)—"Willie, can you tell me what it is with head on one side and tail on the other?" Willie (triumphantly)—"Oh, I know! It's a rooster on a fence?"—Judge.

RUSSIAN CAPITAL IS WITHOUT WATER

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Petrograd was without water supply today. There are grave fears of a possible disaster in case of fire, and the danger of blazes being started by spies who may be in the Russian capital, is believed to be acute.

This is the first time in thirty years that Petrograd has suffered from lack of water. The supply has been cut off by ice blocking the conduits from the Neva, from which the city's water is taken.

All factories, tea shops, public baths and other institutions were closed today. Horses used in drawing carts and cabs in the city, as well as other animals, were forced to go without water. Government employees went from house to house distributing limited supplies of water.

Beauty Is In the Ideal.

To live with a high ideal is a successful life. It is not what one does, but what one tries to do, that makes the soul strong and fit for a noble career.—E. P. Tenny.

No Question What It's Made Of

The ingredients are plainly stated on every tin of

**INSTANT
POSTUM**

and also in the advertising.

Choice whole wheat is separated into kernel and outer-coat—combined with a small amount of wholesome molasses, roasted separately and skillfully blended to give Postum a delicious, snappy flavour similar to high-grade Java coffee. But Postum is free from caffeine and tannin, the drugs that make coffee harmful.

Anyone with signs of nervousness, indigestion, heart flutter, sleeplessness or other ills so often caused by coffee, can learn something of value by quitting coffee and using Postum—

Delicious—Healthful—Economical

Postum now comes in two forms:

Regular Postum—must be boiled to bring out the rich flavour. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—soluble form, made in the cup with hot water instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are delicious, cost per cup about the same, sold by Grocers everywhere.

"There's a Reason" for POSTUM



Flowers of Quality

Beautiful Flowers and Blooming Plants such as we grow are the finest Christmas Gifts or a New Years' Greeting.



Poinsettias

During the month of December there are only a few days of sunshine and all flowers will naturally grow slow and do not produce as many flowers as they would in brighter weather. But our greenhouses look very promising for our Christmas trade. And we are well prepared to meet the demand.

Azalea

A grand flowering plant, one mass of flowers. Each plant will have 2 to 3 dozen flowers on when you receive it, and will bloom continually for several weeks.



Baskets

Here is a basket for the little girl or boy to give father, mother or grandparents as a nice Christmas present. The basket comes in different colors and planted with ferns to grow. We decorate them with Red Berries and nothing will please more than such a present.



Christmas Holly Wreaths, Greens, a large variety of Beautiful Roses and many other beautiful Cut Flowers and Plants.

Come in and visit our Exhibition Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

LA CROSSE FLORAL CO.
THE HOUSE OF FLOWERS

We Deliver Telegraphed Orders Anywhere.
Both Phone—40.

LA CROSSE MEN FIRST TO CROSS RIVER ON ICE—LAY OUT ROAD

Walter Fisher, 1421 South Ninth street, and Henry Sanke, 1212 South Twelfth street, are said to be the first men to cross the Mississippi on the ice which formed last night.

They picked out a strong looking stretch and started for the Minnesota side. With the exception of the center, the entire river appeared solid.

They say that if the present cold weather continues, a team may be driven across the river in twenty-four hours. They will lay out the ice road.

George Holzhammer, proprietor of a saloon at 1935 South Third street, walked to the river bank, and watched the men cross. He refused to trust his weight on the ice. He has been one of the first men to cross the river ice each season for years.

CROP REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Farmers of the United States produced crops worth \$1,941,872,000 this year, from 309,782,000 acres cultivated, as compared with \$4,966,497,000 last year, and \$4,757,458,000 in 1912. This "prosperity" statement was issued today by the department of agriculture with the final crop estimates of 1914.

Value of all important crops was as follows:

Corn, 2,672,864,000 bushels, worth \$1,702,599,000 as compared with 2,446,988,000 bushels, worth \$1,692,092,000 last year.

Wheat, 891,017,000 bushels, worth \$878,680,000 against 763,380,000 bushels, worth \$810,122,000 last year.

Oats, 1,141,060,000 bushels, worth \$449,431,000 against 1,121,768,000 bushels, worth \$439,596,000.

Potatoes, 105,921,000 bushels, worth \$198,609,000 against 331,500,000 bushels, worth \$227,903,000 last year.

Hay, 70,071,000 tons, worth \$779,068,000 against 64,100,000 tons worth \$797,000,000 last year.

Tobacco, 1,034,697,000 pounds, worth \$101,411,000 against 953,744,400 pounds, worth \$122,481,000 last year.

Cotton, 15,966,000 bales, worth \$519,612,000 against 141,156,000 bales, worth \$826,227,000 last year.

Cultivate Observation.

To behold is not necessarily to observe, and the power of comparing and combining is only to be obtained by education. It is much to be regretted that habits of exact observation are not cultivated in our schools. To this deficiency may be traced much of the fallacious reasoning and the false philosophy which prevails.—W. Hamblitt.

SOCIETY

ENTERTAIN AT COFFEE

Mrs. Henry Allen, 1622 South Ninth street, entertained at a coffee Saturday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matz and Mrs. John Ashley of Mohrville, S. D. The afternoon was spent with cards and music. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Showen, Mr. and Mrs. John Ashley, Mrs. James Lang, Miss Alma Showen, Miss Anna Puel, Miss Sadie Hall, Mrs. Willis Ashley, Priscilla Matz and Miss Mervie Lang, Mr. and Mrs. Matz and Mrs. Ashley left Sunday for their home.

FAREWELL PARTY

Mrs. Sam Showen entertained Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matz and Mrs. John Ashley. Miss Alma Showen gave some piano selections. A lunch was served at midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen and Mrs. Willis Ashley won the card prizes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Showen, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matz, Mrs. John Ashley, Mrs. Willis Ashley, Mrs. Priebe, Miss Anna Puel, Miss Sadie Hall, Miss Anna Showen, Miss Priscilla Matz and Harold Howes.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mrs. George Burton entertained the D. A. R. chapter yesterday afternoon. The Tuesday Bridge club was entertained this afternoon by Mrs. Charles Noble.

Loyal to His City.

"I understand," said a visitor from Philadelphia to a friend in Boston, "that you have so high an opinion of your city that you think heaven must be like Boston." "Well," was the reply, with a shrug of the shoulders, "I believe I did say so some time ago, but you know Boston has improved a great deal in the last few years."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

BIG COAST CITIES SAFE FROM SHELLS

Alien Fleet Would Not Bombard Them in Case of War, Says Commander

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—That America's big coast cities would not be bombarded by an alien fleet in event of war on this nation, was the impression Commander Stirling of the Atlantic submarine fleet today gave the house naval committee. He counseled against construction of small submarines, saying he did not believe in the coast defense idea for these vessels.

"I cannot conceive of why a fleet should come to this coast," he said. "I do not think a fleet would bombard even if submarines were not tried for, in order to bombard cities, it would be necessary to annihilate our fleet."

This he intimated, was not likely to occur.

Stirling explained that the G-3 submarine is out of commission, that four are undergoing overhauling at the Norfolk navy yard, five are in the canal zone, and nine at New York.

Although America introduced the under-sea vessel to the world, this nation, Stirling showed, is now behind others in its development, England and Germany having 800 and 1,000 ton submarines. He recommended that the United States increase traveling radius and power of her ships.

BRITISH TELL OF FIGHT FOR WOOD

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dash south of Ypres, which resulted in the capture of several German trenches and the occupation by the British of a new position in a woods five miles from that town and ten miles from Lille today brought special mention in statements from both the British and French war offices.

The gain was made by a combined French and British attack, along a three-mile line between Ytechaete and Holsbeke. The woods from which the Germans were driven by the English troops is midway between these towns.

By this attack to the south of Ypres, toward Lille, the allies are endeavoring to widen the wedge in the German line near Ypres.

The drive now evidently starting southeastward toward Lille, if successful, would necessitate a German retirement in Belgium, it is believed here.

Reports from Belgium have declared that for some time there have been evidences that the Germans were preparing to fall back to a new line running from Bruges to Courtrai. The success of a southeastern movement, such as the allies indicated today may be under way, would result in such a retirement by the Germans, in order that their line might remain intact.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS HEAVY TO LA CROSSE

Toller B. Hetland, buyer for the Cooperative Packing Co., arrived in La Crosse today with six car loads of cattle, the approximate value of which is \$9,000.

This is the second big shipment within a short time. Last week Mr. Hetland brought thirteen carloads valued at \$17,000.

Practically all of the cattle was purchased in the vicinity of Coon Valley. All of it was sold by stockholders in the co-operative concern.

LIFT QUARANTINE IN IOWA STATE

Dr. Harry Dell, United States meat inspector here, received word this morning from the department of agriculture that the "foot and mouth" quarantine in Iowa has been raised, with the exception of a few counties. Cattle shipments may be resumed. In counties still under quarantine cattle may be slaughtered in the presence of a federal inspector.

ADVERTISE FOR MOTHER

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—"Where is my mother?" The undersigned desires information concerning the whereabouts of his mother. Her maiden name was Lizzie or Mary Munson. She was afterward known by the name of Gerard and Pafford. Worked at one time in Pekin, Ill., and Chariton, Iowa. Have not heard from her for eighteen or nineteen years. Address all communications to William Pafford, Poyntette, Wis.

The foregoing "want ad" appeared in the local afternoon paper today. Pafford expressed the hope that his mother would be discovered in time for him to spend Christmas with her.

Up to Doctor to Work.
The Eskimo pays his doctor his fee as soon as he arrives. If the patient recovers it is kept, if not it is returned.

BORN AN "AUNTIE"

Miss Helen June Dittman, six months old daughter of C. A. Dittman, secretary of the local aerie of the Eagles, has an aunt six months younger than herself. Miss Dittman became the possessor of the new aunt this morning, and as a result F. H. Grebner, pa-in-law of the Eagles' leader, is passing cigars.

THE PARK

1. "The Ninety Black Boxes," from the story by Geo. Bronson Howard in Century Magazine. Two parts.
2. "A Wife on a Wager," a great western drama.
3. Phillip Smaley and Louis Weber in their own production, "The Pursuit of Hate."
4. "A Ranch Romance," with Murdock McQuirre, Don Chaney and Agnes Vernon.

All seats 5c from now till Dec. 25. Just half the price the others charge. Come and get your money's worth. Starting 7:15.

THE STAR

The Guiding Hand, a splendid two reel Thanhouser Feature. When Fate Frowned, a powerful tragedy of the plains. Reliance. The Great Toe Mystery, Keystone comedy.

THE CASINO

Tomorrow Afternoon and Evening
FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN
In a Three Reel Feature
"AMRUSHED"

THE DOME

Today Only
"THE JUNGLE"
In five parts.

LA CROSSE THEATRE TODAY

6 REELS of Finest Movies

Matinee every day 2 p. m. Night 7 p. m. Children 5c, Adults 10c. Orchestra music.

"The Second Mrs. Roebuck" A wonderfully interesting Majestic feature. A beautiful Thanhouser, featuring Riley and the Kidlet.

"Bill Manages a Prize Fighter" A dandy comedy.

FREE—A post card photograph of Marguerite Snow or James Cruze with each 10c ticket.

"After the Ball" In six reels. Coming Sunday.

"THE ROSE OF PLYMOUTH TOWN"

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, December 17
8 P. M.

Admission: 25c and 35c

THE CASINO

A Modernized Version of
Little Lord Fauntleroy
Five reels.
See our ad on Page 6

YOUNG M'CORMICK MODEST AND BIG

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Cyrus McCormick, III, may be willing to start at the bottom of the ladder in the Madison branch of the International Harvester company of which his father is the head, but he does not like to talk about it. In fact, he is so keenly adverse that he is registered at the Capitol House here as "T. Hammond, Chicago." Armed with a photograph, a description, and a tip, a reporter started after him this morning. McCormick's first day in the new job. Despite the company employees, who did their duty well, he was located with the accusation that he is one of Chicago's wealthiest young men. He blandly replied that his name was Hammond. The reporter produced the photograph. "T. Hammond" smiled and walked on. As he is six feet two and weighs 200 pounds, he was not stopped. McCormick, it is understood, will start out on the road next week.

VENISON BANQUET

Due to so many expressing a desire to attend the Venison Dinner of the La Crosse County Hunting and Fishing Association, at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday Evening, the committee has extended the time for securing tickets until Wednesday noon, Dec. 16. Members desiring tickets telephone or call

Y. M. C. A.
The Union Tea Store.
J. G. Dubraks.
Dr. A. T. Rasmussen.
The Committee.

ENGINEERS TELL DANGERS OF LIFE

C. P. R. R. Drivers Tell of Freezing Rides in Dead of Winter Through Northwest

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—More engineers were called before the federal arbitration board today to tell of working conditions on their roads when the hearing into the controversy of the western railroads with their men was resumed. Their stories supplemented those told by locomotive pilots at yesterday's session. "I am scarcely more than a slave," said C. P. Smith, a freight engineer on the Great Western, operating between Oelwein, Iowa, and East Stockton, Ill., told the arbitrators. "I have practically no time to call my own, and even during my leisure hours I must stick close to the house for emergency calls."

Engineers on the Canadian Pacific gave the arbitration board thrills and shivers yesterday when they told of their experiences in piloting big locomotives through the northwestern canyon country in the dead of the winter.

TWO IN CREAM CITY DIE OF COLD

Drop in Temperature Sends Thousands to Chicago Police Stations for Shelter

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—Two deaths were the indirect toll of the cold wave here today, and one boy will be made a cripple.

Leo Nintz, 50, was instantly killed when his wagon was struck by a Chicago & Northwestern train. His ears were muffled and he did not hear the whistle.

An unidentified man died in a west side saloon from hemorrhage of the lungs, superinduced by the cold.

James Pekru, 5, will lose both hands as the result of their being frozen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The mercury took another downward plunge to two degrees below zero and thousands turned away from the municipal lodging house, sought refuge for the night in police stations. One man, James Clark, who lived north of Steger, Ill., was frozen to death on the road between Steger and Chicago Heights, and another, Theodore Pieobert, was found dead on the tracks of the Illinois Central trying to walk to his home in Trout Creek, Mich.

MEAT CANDIES REAL NOVELTY

A line of goods attractive enough to make the best butcher in town jealous is the "Butcher shop" candy at the Doerflinger store.

The "butcher shop" candies, as they are called, are the idea of the H. A. McInden company of Minneapolis. Two exhibits, one a window display and the other a sales booth on the first floor of the store show the candy to La Crosse shoppers for the first time.

A butcher shop line from wieners to bacon is reproduced in delectable style in the candies, which have all the appearance of meat market products. "Samples" of "meat market" goods—sausages, bacon, boneless ham and all the "wursts" in the German vocabulary besides sauerkraut and wieners—are put up in boxes for the trade.

"DISEASED HOGS" ARE FOUND HEALTHY

Fifty-four hogs were slaughtered at the Co-operative Packing plant under the direction of Government Inspector Harry Dell yesterday. They were shipped here from West Salem and were suspected of being infected with cholera. No signs of that or any disease was found.

DAHLGREN WINS MATCH

J. E. Dahlgren last night defeated C. H. Schweizer 127 to 253 in the handicap billiard tournament at the Y. M. C. A. The loser was handicapped at 300. Miller, handicapped at 89, lost to Fox 49 to 67. Bearmore beat Kline 52 to 42, both being handicapped at 52.

HANDBALL YESTERDAY

Robinson Brothers 21, 19, 21; Peterson and Bonnaville, 19, 21, 5.

To Mend Broken Dishes.
There is nothing better for mending broken dishes or a lamp that is loose in the collar than alum melted and used while hot.

ASKS PROBE OF BIG "WAR TRUST"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Are agents of "international war trust" operating in this country? This question was fired at the house naval committee today by Representative Buchanan of Illinois. He urged investigation declaring it is time to ascertain whether these alleged agents are operating in the United States as they have been in Europe.

The "war trust" Buchanan held, is a huge organization to foster war.

The committee took no action on Buchanan's request.

Thousands Turned Away

If the people of La Crosse but knew what a splendid feature is being shown tonight, the house wouldn't begin to hold even a small portion of those who would seek admission.

The impression seems to prevail that this is a "kid" picture, instead it is a modernized film version of one of the most popular plays ever staged in America.

Little Lord Fauntleroy—as presented in film form—is a drama of deep heart interest, and is one of the most pleasant features we have ever booked. There is just enough "boy" in it to make it charming.

Kids 5c, Adults 10c.

5—Big Reels—5

Last Time Tonight The Casino Last Time Tonight

PAPOOSE DESERTED BY SQUAW ADOPTED BY WINNEBAGO BRAVE

Eli Hopinah, two and a half year old Winnebago papoose, is the first Indian baby to be adopted by the proceedings of law in La Crosse county. Charlie Winneshik, son of the famous chief of the Winnebago tribe, and his wife, Ella Winneshik, today made application in probate court for the baby's adoption.

The baby's mother is alleged to have deserted him when she married another "brave," following her husband's death.

Winneshik and his wife live near New Amsterdam.

BOY FALLS FROM LADDER IN "GYM"

Thomas Reay, Son of Dr. G. R. Reay, Seriously Injured at the Normal School Monday

Thomas Reay, 11-year-old son of Dr. G. R. Reay, 1024 Main street, is suffering from concussion of the brain as the result of a fall from a vertical ladder in the gymnasium of the Normal school yesterday afternoon.

With playmates, the little boy was going through his daily exercise in the "gym." It is not known exactly how he fell, but it is thought that in turning his body on the rungs, he lost his grip.

He struck the hard floor on his head and became unconscious immediately. Dr. Reay was called, and the boy was taken to his home. He was unconscious until 9 o'clock last night.

Dr. Reay said today that he could not tell whether serious results would follow or not.

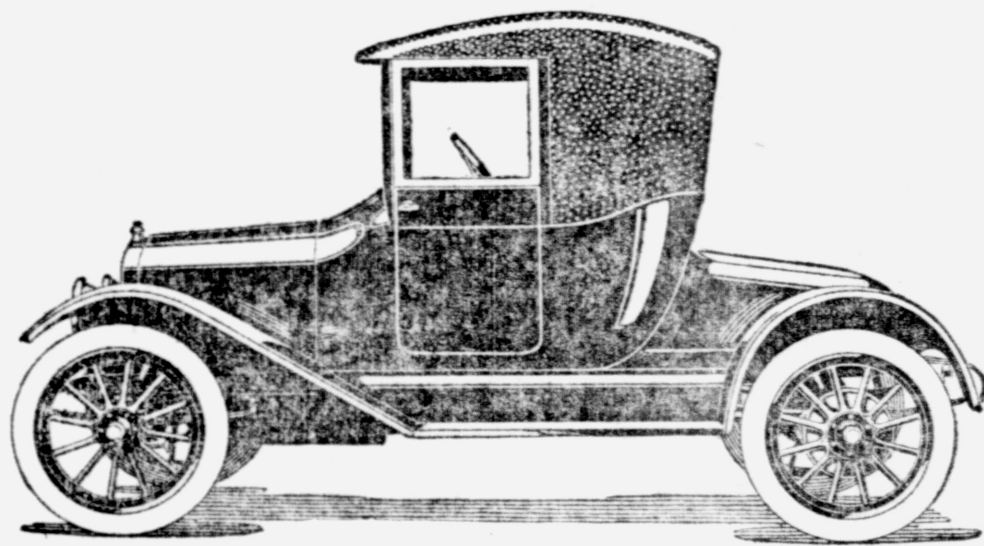
CHICAGO FIREBUG WEEPS ON STAND

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Jacob Schaffner, who testified that he "assisted" David Korshak, confessed firebug for an alleged arson trust, today broke into tears on the witness stand in the arson trial of Joseph Fish, wealthy fire insurance adjuster, when he told of his vain efforts to get Fish to pay him for helping fire a building.

Schaffner said he helped set fire to buildings owned by Samuel Stark and F. M. Elkins, acting as assistant to Korshak. Fish, he swore, promised to pay him for helping fire the Stark place if he was appointed to adjust the loss. He saw Fish twice after the fire, he said, but could not induce him to part with any money.

Schaffner told of his flight to Europe after his indictment for arson and said he finally grew weary of dodging detectives and decided to return and confess.

LARGE PRODUCTION IS FACTOR OF QUALITY AND LOW COST IN MACHINE



MAXWELL CARRIOLE

On Friday evening the people of La Crosse will view the operations of an automobile factory for the first time perhaps. It is through the medium of the animated pictures that the Maxwell Motor company wish to show the public how they build the car and how it is possible to place on the market a high grade motor car at a low price.

The producing of a large quantity of automobiles depends upon two fundamental principles, namely one model at one price, and efficient organization. It is when these principles have been fully comprehended that one is able to see why a company can produce moderate priced motor cars. Viewing the construction of the car from the first angle—the one model—one can readily see how it is possible to combine in this car all the experience gained in the manufacture of larger models, and how it is possible to concentrate all efforts on the one model to bring it to a point of perfection. In attaining this end an organization can be founded by which it is possible to manufacture the car in large quantities and with the greatest degree of accuracy.

Many prospective buyers of automobiles have accepted the argument of the firm who manufactures cars in small quantities, "We do not aim to make many but we aim to make them good." In analyzing this argument, it is quickly seen that this company could manufacture them more economically if the output was increased, they could produce interchangeability of parts, and they could reduce the cost, weight and volume of the car. Whenever any commodity is produced in large quantities the cost of that commodity is lowered and it still retains its prestige.

The Maxwell Motor company has facilities second to none for the manufacture of motor cars. When they set their market for 1915 at 60,000 cars they believed in their organization and their workmen.

They employ some 8,000 men who earn approximately \$624,000 each month. With this immense force of expert workmen, guided by the best designers and engineers in the country, they intend to exceed this 1915 mark.

To produce this great number of cars it is necessary to have a firm financial foundation so that the confidence of the public and of those with whom they deal can be established. It is then possible to take advantage of low markets for raw materials and the like. In fact they have on hand enough raw material to produce more than half the full quota for 1915.

The efforts of the company this year will be concentrated on the one model, The Maxwell "25." By means of the required jigs and fixtures with which they have equipped the five large factories they may exceed even their own expectations in producing this low priced car. The equipment includes the very best machinery that is known to the industrial world. We are thus able to build every vital part of the car. The raw material when it enters the factory immediately starts on its course of construction, two weeks from that day the assembled automobile appears ready for its grilling test in the hands of the road mechanics. Each man that has had anything to do with the construction of the car has been under the eye of the inspector whose duty it is to not only criticize the work done but to praise it. Each man who did work on the car is an expert in his particular work, doing one certain job day after day from 8 in the morning to 5 at night. The car is placed with each dealer with the statement, "We hereby guarantee this car to be free from imperfections in material and workmanship."

ROSE CASH REFUND CERTIFICATE



DIAMONDS

This certificate will be issued with every diamond purchased at the annual "Rose Diamond Sale." An absolute guarantee that your diamond purchase can be converted into CASH at Geo. B. Rose at a later date. An absolute guarantee that the price is the lowest or your money refunded, and the further fact (an important one) that the Rose reputation is behind the quality of the diamonds.

We show you the largest collection of diamonds both loose and mounted in the Northwest, and if we cannot please you in price and assortment no one can.

Friday we will price a lot of 50 Solitaire Diamond Rings, set in hand made 14 karat Tiffany settings, quarter karat sizes, \$19.50. These rings cannot be duplicated elsewhere for less than \$30.00. Your money back if our price is not the very lowest.

Remember a Cash Refund Certificate issued with every diamond purchase. A Double Guarantee.

We submit the IDEAL HOLIDAY PURCHASE. Whether for a gift or for one's self, a diamond bought is an investment made. Diamond prices are constantly advancing with growing scarcity, and a diamond purchased today not only is a staple investment, but guarantees an annual profit as prices climb higher. Ask the man who bought a good diamond, ten, five and even two years ago. He will tell you the average advance in value has been approximately 20 per cent each year.

Our CASH REFUND CERTIFICATES, which we give with every diamond purchased from Geo. B. Rose during this, by far the greatest of our ANNUAL DIAMOND SALES, guarantees the buyer the purchase of his diamond at the purchase price less ten per cent, which is less than half the cost of interest on our investment and overhead charges.

Our window display, the greatest ever seen in Western Wisconsin, shows a collection of rare gems, the smallest equalling the largest in quality, shows each diamond specifically priced. Ask about them, courteous salespeople are at your service.

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ITALIAN WOMEN
PREPARE FOR WAR

"Black" and "White" Fac-
tions of Aristocracy For-
get Differences in
Patriotism

NOTE.—The following is the first of a series of three stories by Miss Rohe, telling how the women of Italy, no less than their husbands, fathers and sons are preparing for Italy's possible entrance into the world.

BY ALICE ROHE.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
ROME, Nov. 20.—By Mail to New York.—Prepare for war!

This is the real battle cry of Italy's women of aristocracy. The names of the most famous princely houses in Italy's history, on the committee of the Unions Di Lavoro Fra Le Donne Romane, (the Roman Women's Union for Work), have brought new significance into this feminine war interest.

The Princess Sonnino Colonna, of that famous house whose name is interwoven with Italian history since the tenth century, is president of the union; Margherita, the queen mother, heads the subscription list with 1,000 lire and Contessa Spalletti Rasponi, feminist, and president of the national council of women, and other noble women of white or court circles, are active in the work. Associated with them are such unpromising blacks as the Princess Doria, and Donnae Giustiniani, president of the Women's League, and the real leader of the black party, The work of these combined aristocrats is blazing a way for common interests in the face of war.

For whatever difference exists between the papacy and the crown, when the fate of Italy is concerned, patriotism beats alike in the two parties. Money, immediate supplies of warm clothing, helmets, gloves, bands, socks, scarfs, woolen shirts, are all asked. The Princess Colonna asks that all donations be at the committee rooms by December 15, which date is regarded with interest by those still wondering about Italy's eventual participation in the war.

"If," said a young countess, when requested to aid in the immediate cause of supplying warm clothes for soldiers, "Italy is not going to break the neutrality, why all this perturbation about their clothing? Also, why," she continued, "if Italy is not going to get into this war until spring, as everyone insists, should we worry about winter clothing? Why not prepare spring raiment?"

The query was answered by a significant silence, and the Princess Colonna continues to call for funds and supplies.

SANTA CLAUS IS
HERE IN STORES

Needs Liniment After He
Shakes Hands with Young
America and Takes
Orders for Toys

"Santa Claus" took a well earned rest yesterday. Turkish baths and liniments were in order after he shook hands with many boys and girls at a downtown department store Saturday. Scores of tots gave him Christmas "orders," and he was a tired man when closing time came. Playthings dear to the heart of Young America, and dolls as dearly loved to his sisters are on display by thousands in La Crosse stores. The season has produced many new varieties of toys, and little effect is being felt by the feared lack of toys from European countries.

Fan-Shaped Tree.
Elm trees have been planted in the squares and parks of our city where you may make their acquaintance. They are trees you can learn to recognize at a distance because of their general form or habit of growth. A well-grown tree is broad and rather flat across the top, and for this reason it is called a fan-shaped tree.

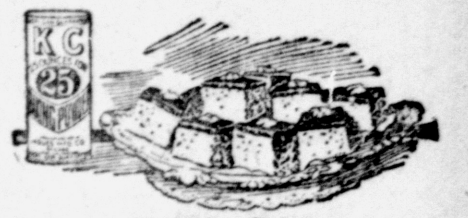
Dresden's Cigarette Industry.
Of the 7,000,000,000 cigarettes manufactured annually in Germany \$2 per cent are produced in Dresden.

Nut Cake

Simply Delicious

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of
the Boston Cooking School Magazine

In giving this recipe, Mrs. Hill believes it to be one of the best all-around cake recipes it has been her good fortune to make. The simplicity and uniformly good results will appeal to every housewife



K C Nut Cake

One-half cup butter; 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar; 1/2 cup milk; 2 cups flour; 2 level teaspoonsful K C Baking Powder; 1 cup nut meats chopped fine; whites of eggs beaten stiff.

Sift flour and baking powder together, three times. Cream the butter, add the sugar, then alternately, the milk and the flour mixture; lastly the whites of eggs and the nut meat. Bake in a sheet in a shallow pan thirty or forty minutes. When cold cover with the icing and decorate with whole nut meats. This is also an excellent white cake recipe when nutmeats are omitted.

Chocolate Icing.
One cup granulated sugar; 1/2 ounce chocolate, white of 1 egg, beaten dry; 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla extract; 1/4 cup water.

Stir the sugar, chocolate and water until the mixture boils; cover and let boil three minutes. Uncover and let boil till when tested in cold water, a soft ball may be formed; beat into the white of egg, then beat until cold, add vanilla.

The nut cake frosting given on page forty of the K C Cook Book may be used in place of the chocolate icing. If desired, copy the Cook Book, handsomely illustrated in 5 colors, will be mailed free if you will send the correct certificate packed in 2-cent stamps. C. Baking Powder to the JACQUES MRS. CO., Chicago.

RUSSIANS CLAIM
CAUCASIAN SUCCESS

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—Continued success in the operations in the Caucasus, is claimed, in an official statement issued today, which says: "Throughout December 11, there was fighting in front of the villages of Pyrousk, Esmer and Doutak. The enemy were everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates with severe losses."

Optimistic Thought.
He is rich enough who has no wants.

CRITICAL MOMENTS
What the war teaches

Every life has its critical moments. There are times when a man's health is staked upon the care he gives to it within a few hours. His system may be run down, blood laden with bilious poison and lungs or skin affected.

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It enters the tiny blood vessels of the skin, bringing with it fresh vitalized blood, and abiding faith in its wonderful cleansing power has come to thousands, when pimples, boils, carbuncles, rash, eczema, acne and other skin troubles dry up and disappear.

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STATE GAME WARDEN
HERE FOR DINNER

State Game Warden John A. Shotts has accepted the invitation of the Fish and Game association to

attend their annual dinner here on Thursday, December 17.

Governor Francis E. McGovern will not be here, explaining in a letter to Dr. R. H. Rasmussen that a meeting of the state board of public affairs prevents his attendance. Gov.-elect E. L. Philipp has not replied to the invitation.

BODY BURIED HERE

The body of Anem Magnusson, former La Crosse resident, who died Thursday in St. Louis, arrived in the city Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock this morning from the chapel in Oak Grove cemetery, Rev. H. G. Magelsen officiating. Burial took place in Oak Grove cemetery.

Can You Blame Him?

Contentment may also be defined as the feeling in which a man holds another man's hat.—Topeka Capital.

STEAMER WRECKED

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—The British steamer Isle of Iowa is wrecked off Cape Hatteras inlet. She went ashore yesterday and it is doubtful if she can be saved. Life-savers from the Cape Hatteras station made a spectacular rescue of the steamer's crew of 27.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

PITZNER HEAD OF
MYSTIC WORKERS

L. P. Pitzner was elected prefect of the La Crosse lodge of the Mystic Workers at the annual election of officers last week. Following are other officers: E. C. Hinds, secretary; E. Brake, banker; Mrs. L. May, monitor; Mrs. O. Jeida, marshal; Gust Pitzner, warden; Frank Ratzloff, sentinel. Mrs. L. Pitzner, L. L. Dotten and Fred Knoner were elected new supervisors.

MEETING AT JAIL

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting at the county jail Sunday. The services were opened by a song which was followed by a prayer by Rev. J. Witherbee. Rev. A. M. Ivy delivered an interesting sermon. The exercises closed with a song by Rev. and Mrs. Ivy.

The worst ordeal a small boy has to face is plenty of pie and a limited capacity.



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By GEO. McMANUS



Jeffery Builds The Foremost Six

THE Jeffery Chesterfield Six is a car so perfect in style and quality that not even the most critical engineer could describe any of its features as other than the very best.

No car has ever been built with body lines more harmonious. The Chesterfield is a true style-carriage, in which the streamline has been carried out in perfect European design. Most so called streamline cars are not truly streamline. The lines of a bird's body, however, the lines of a yacht's hull, and the form of the Jeffery Chesterfield Six are perfect types of streamline.

Jeffery spends an extra \$1,000,000 a year to insure the quality of material and manufacture in Jeffery cars. The purpose of the great organization is not to build cars for a price, but for an owner.

How thoroughly Jeffery insists upon super-quality is clearly shown in the Chesterfield Six specifications.

Every Chesterfield is fitted with a small bore, high speed motor that marks the farthest reach of modern engineering. It is vibrationless, flexible, powerful. When you drive it you perceive that the Chesterfield is quite as unusual in its ability as in its appearance.

Every Chesterfield is driven through a worm-drive rear axle, the ultimate type of quiet, wear-proof, efficient drive. You absolutely cannot hear the axle.

Every Chesterfield uses a trouble-proof, three-plate dry-disc clutch whose smoothness of operation improves upon any other type we know.

Every Chesterfield transmits its power through Spicer universal joints and Daimler leather coupling.

Every Chesterfield is lighted and started by the Bijur system. The quality of this installation is evident from the fact that it is used also by the most popular high-priced car in America.

Read the specifications through, and you will be greatly pleased to see how at every point the Jeffery Chesterfield Six is built along lines which you know look solely to an owner's interest and not to low manufacturing cost.

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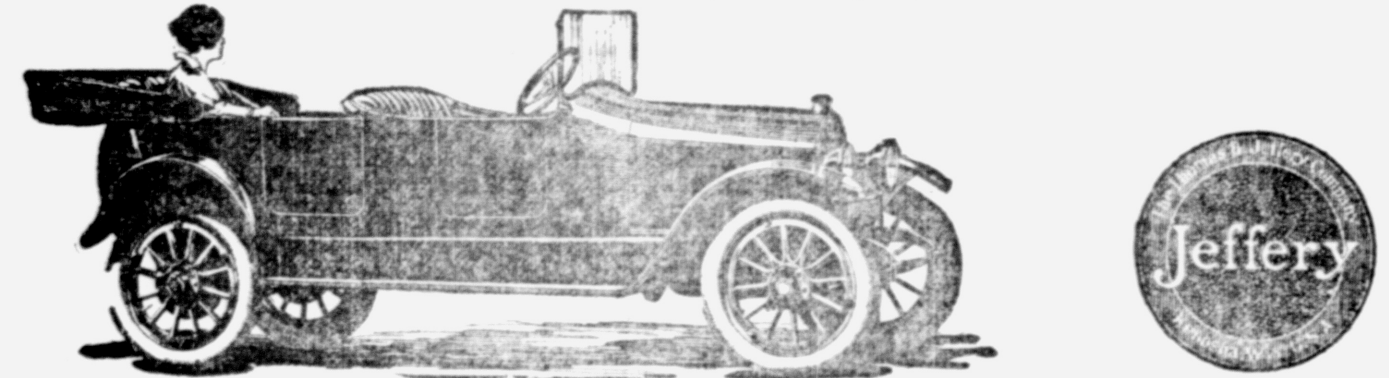
Transmission: Four forward speeds and reverse. Worm drive, full floating, ball bearing rear axle. Imported annular ball bearings. Three-plate dry-disc clutch. Spicer universal joints. Daimler leather coupling. Rich Tungsten steel valves—require no grinding or other attention. Bosch ignition, magneto, cables and plugs. Cantilever spring, self-oiling springs bolts. Combination constant level splash and gravity feed lubrication, with indicator on dash. Gemmer steering gear. Eighteen-inch corrugated steering wheel, with signal button in center. Left drive, center control. Two sets internal expanding brakes—14x2 inches. Side rails of frame extended under sills of body—most rigid construction possible.

Honeycomb radiator—European design. Demountable rims with fenders. Crown fenders. Wheel base, 122 inches. Body: roomy, five-passenger. Weight, 2850 pounds, as shipped.

Equipment: Rain vision ventilating two-piece windshield shaped to cow; One-man Neverick top and boot; Collins curtains; Stewart-Warner speedometer with Empico drive enclosed in axle shaft; Waltham clock; power tire pump; Solar electric headlights with one bulb of five intensities; seamless pressed steel round gasoline tank with gauge, carried in rear, with Stewart vacuum feed; combination dash and trouble lamp; extra demountable rim with carrier; Klaxon horn; ammeter; robe rack; foot-rest; full set of tools, tire repair outfit; and jack. Cloth upholstery optional.

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SMITH AND COFFEY "PINKED" FOR MIX

Winner of Fight Will Meet
Jess Willard This Winter
at Madison Square
Garden

BY HAL SHERIDAN
(Written for the United Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Gunboat Smith and Jim Coffey are prepared to put up the fight of their lives tonight in their ten round bout at Madison Square Garden. The winner will meet Jess Willard at the garden some time late in January.

Kid Graves of Milwaukee is scheduled for a ten round bout tonight with Jack Toland of Philadelphia at the Broadway Sporting Club in Brooklyn. Toland is recognized as champion of the navy.

The Longacre Athletic club opened for the first time this season last night with a ten round match between Willie Beecher and Packey Hommey in which the former had the best of it.

Newspaper critics said that Joe Mandot of New Orleans, gave Frankie Callahan of Brooklyn, a stiff mauling in an eight round bout at Memphis last night, but the referee made it a draw. Callahan was wobbly in the closing rounds.

Harry Donahue of Pekin, Ill., was no match for Milburn Saylor, at Peoria, last night. The Indianapolis lad put Donahue in dreamland in the ninth round.

BURNS LAYS CLAIM TO BANTAM CROWN

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 15.—Frankie Burns of Jersey City, announced today that if Kid Williams, bantam champion, is unable to make the bantam weight he will lay claim to the crown at once. The Jersey City lad outclassed Chick Hayes of Indianapolis, in what was to have been a twenty round bout "for the bantam championship," here last night. The referee stopped the bout in the thirteenth round, declaring Burns the winner.

WHITE BEATS MURPHY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Jimmy Murphy when the haze clears away from his thinking piece, some time today, will agree that he has no business bothering scrappers like Charley White. White played with the Italian lightweight in what was to have been a real scrap at Kenosha, Wis., last night and then put him out in the second round.

GIBBONS LICKS BRENNAN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul, "phantom" of the boxing game, won by the proverbial mile in his ten round bout with a knock-out Brennan last night.

Home, Sweet Home.

Between thirty and forty thousand Sicilians emigrate from Palermo to the United States each year, and in the course of time almost all of them go back permanently or for a visit.

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SPORTS

GUNDS REMAIN IN LEAD IN LEAGUE

Brewers Lead Ten Pin
League with Average of
.917 with But One Game
Lost Out of Twelve

An increase of 28 points over their standing of last week has been registered by the Gunds, leaders of the Ten Pin Bowling league of LaCrosse. The brewers have lost but one game out of twelve played, they having won their match in three straight games last week.

Theodore Thompson of the Cubs, runners-up of the Gunds in the percentage column, leads the bowlers of the league with an average of 194 in twelve games rolled. A. S. Ulrich of the Gunds is second in the list with an average of 189 in nine games.

The record set by the Gunds last week in their team score of 2767 and single game score of 947 and the mark of 225 made by Paulson of the Gunds, remain as league records. The Gunds lead the league in the team averages with 172, the Nelsons being at their heels with 171.

The figures:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Gunds	11	1	.917
Cubs	8	4	.667
Nelson Clothing Co.	7	5	.583
Eagles No. 1	7	5	.583
Lotus	6	6	.500
La Crosse Club	4	8	.333
Eagles No. 2	3	9	.250
S. and S.	2	10	.167

High Men Averages

	Games	Av.
Theo. Thompson, Cubs	12	.194
A. S. Ulrich, Gunds	9	.189
Olaf Paulson, Gunds	10	.187
L. Gullickson, Nelsons	6	.179
G. W. Stannard, Gunds	8	.179
H. M. Eaton, Nelsons	9	.178
Wm. Bonadurer, Nelsons	12	.177
W. J. Hickisch, LaX Club	12	.175
Henry Wittenberg, Nelsons	12	.174
E. H. Hunt, LaX Club	12	.172
F. C. Affeldt, Gunds	12	.172

Team Averages Per Game

	Aver.
Gunds	.172
Nelson Clothing Co.	.171
Lotus	.162
Eagles No. 1	.159
Cubs	.158
La Crosse Club	.158
S. and S.	.154
Eagles No. 2	.151

High individual score, Paulson, "Gunds", 255.
High team score, one game, "Gunds", 947.

Schedule for the Week
Dec. 15.—Gunds vs. Eagles No. 2.
Dec. 16.—Nelson Clothing Co. vs. Cubs.
Dec. 17.—Eagles No. 1 vs. Lotus.
Dec. 18.—La Crosse Club vs. S. and S.

MASQUERS' PLAY THURSDAY SIGHT

"A Rose of Plymouth Town," a four act comedy drama, dealing with the life of the seventeenth century in the American colonies, will be presented at the La Crosse high school Thursday evening by a cast chosen from the Masquers Dramatic club. This club has put on a drama each year and has had success in the past. In the present piece there are eight characters, four men and four women parts. Those on the cast are all except one from the senior class of the high school and have all taken part in amateur dramatics at the high school before.

Edith Weisbord, who starred in the senior class play in the role of "Peggy," will play the leading role of Rose. Opposite her will be James McKivergan, in the role of Garrett Foster. The play is being coached by Miss Constance, a member of the English department and director of dramatics and oratory at the high school. Seats are already on sale and reservations will begin tomorrow morning at the high school. Miss Heideman has charge of the financial side of the affair.

CATTLE EPIZOOTIC HAS COST \$80,000

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—With twenty-one herds in Wisconsin wiped out by the foot and mouth disease, the epizootic is now under control, according to State Veterinarian, O. H. Eliason.

All affected herds have been killed, with the exception of one near Delavan, just discovered. In this herd there are twenty-five cattle and they will be killed immediately. Only three cases have been brought to the attention of the authorities in the last seven days and Dr. Eliason believes the snow and cold weather will tend to check the disease.

The twenty-one herds in Wisconsin contained from a dozen to sixty head each, and Dr. Eliason estimates the value of the animals slaughtered at \$80,000.

The disease existed in these counties: Dane, Brown, Langlade, Lincoln, Rock, Waushara, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Jefferson and Green.

Word of Cheer for Ambitious Boys.
"My lad," said Sackville McKnutt, "see the eminent philanthropist. He was once a little messenger boy like you. This gave him ample leisure to sit down and think out ways for making a fortune. From this you should learn that if you make use of your opportunities you may one day be as cordially detested as he is."—Kansas City Star.



HE RETIRED BANKER HAS SOME FUN AT THE GOOD JUDGE'S DISCOMFORT.

THIS is how news of the Real Tobacco Chew spreads! A man tucks the little chew of "Right-Cut" away—gets the rich tobacco taste and the comfort of it and feels so good about it that he just can't help talking about it to his friends.

Mellow, sappy tobacco—seasoned and sweetened just enough.

Take a very small chew—less than one-quarter the old size. It will be more satisfying than a mouthful of ordinary tobacco. Just nibble on it until you find the strength chew that suits you. Tuck it away. Then let it rest. See how easily and evenly the real tobacco taste comes, how it satisfies without grinding, how much less you have to spit, how few chews you take to be tobacco satisfied. That's why it is *The Real Tobacco Chew*. That's why it costs less in the end.

It is a ready chew, cut fine and short shred so that you won't have to grind on it with your teeth. Grinding ordinary candied tobacco makes you spit too much.

The taste of pure, rich tobacco does not need to be covered up with molasses and licorice. Notice how the salt brings out the rich tobacco taste in "Right-Cut."

One small chew takes the place of two big chews of the old kind.

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SCANDINAVIAN KINGS WILL DISCUSS WAR SITUATION

Rulers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark will hold Conference Friday Concerning the War

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15.—King Gustav of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark will meet at Malmo Friday for a conference during which difficulties growing out of the European war will be discussed. The foreign ministers of the respective countries will also take part in the conference.

The chief subjects which the three monarchs will discuss will include measures to be adopted for the maintenance of neutrality and economic difficulties due particularly to Germany's confiscation of neutral shipping and mine laying.

NO GERMAN MINES ADRIFT

BERLIN, Via The Hague, Dec. 15.—It is stated in official circles that none of the mines stranded on the Dutch coast since the beginning of the war have been German mines. All were English, it is stated, except eight Dutch and four French mines.

To Prevent Mold on Books.

During continued damp weather books often become musty and even moldy. This can be prevented by placing a few drops of oil of lavender and Canada balsam in the back corner of each bookshelf.

INDEPENDENCE WINS ITS SECOND GAME

INDEPENDENCE, Wis., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The local basketball team on Saturday night won its second victory of the season by defeating Galesville by a score of 31 to 20. At the beginning of the second half, with the game seemingly lost, the score standing 14 to 4 against them, the local team rallied and after a stiff fight passed the visitors. Gordon, at center for Galesville, and Capt. Wiemer, of the locals, starred. Wiemer having five field goals and seven free throws to his credit. Dahl of Galesville refereed the match.

Only Education of Value.
Reading and writing are in no sense education, unless they contribute to this end by making us feel kindly towards all creatures.—Ruskin.

MUST GET OUT

Girls' High Top Shoes, new fall styles, \$3.50 values at

\$2.45

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M'GOORTY SIGNS TO MEET GIBBONS

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 15.—Mike Collins, fight promoter, announced on Monday that he had accepted the terms of Eddie McGoorty, the Oshkosh, Wis., boxer, made through James Lullen, his manager, to box Mike Gibbons at Hudson Jan. 18.

HOUCK TARTAR FOR KILBANE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.—Featherweight Champion Kilbane felt no ill effects today from his six round exhibition bout here last night with Willie Houck, local lad. Kilbane jabbed Houck at will, but could not land a knock-out.

Most of the enthusiasm is useless because it lacks financial backing.

JOHNSON AVOIDS CONFIRMING SALE

American League Prexy
Dodges Issue Although
Intimating That Deal
Is About to Close

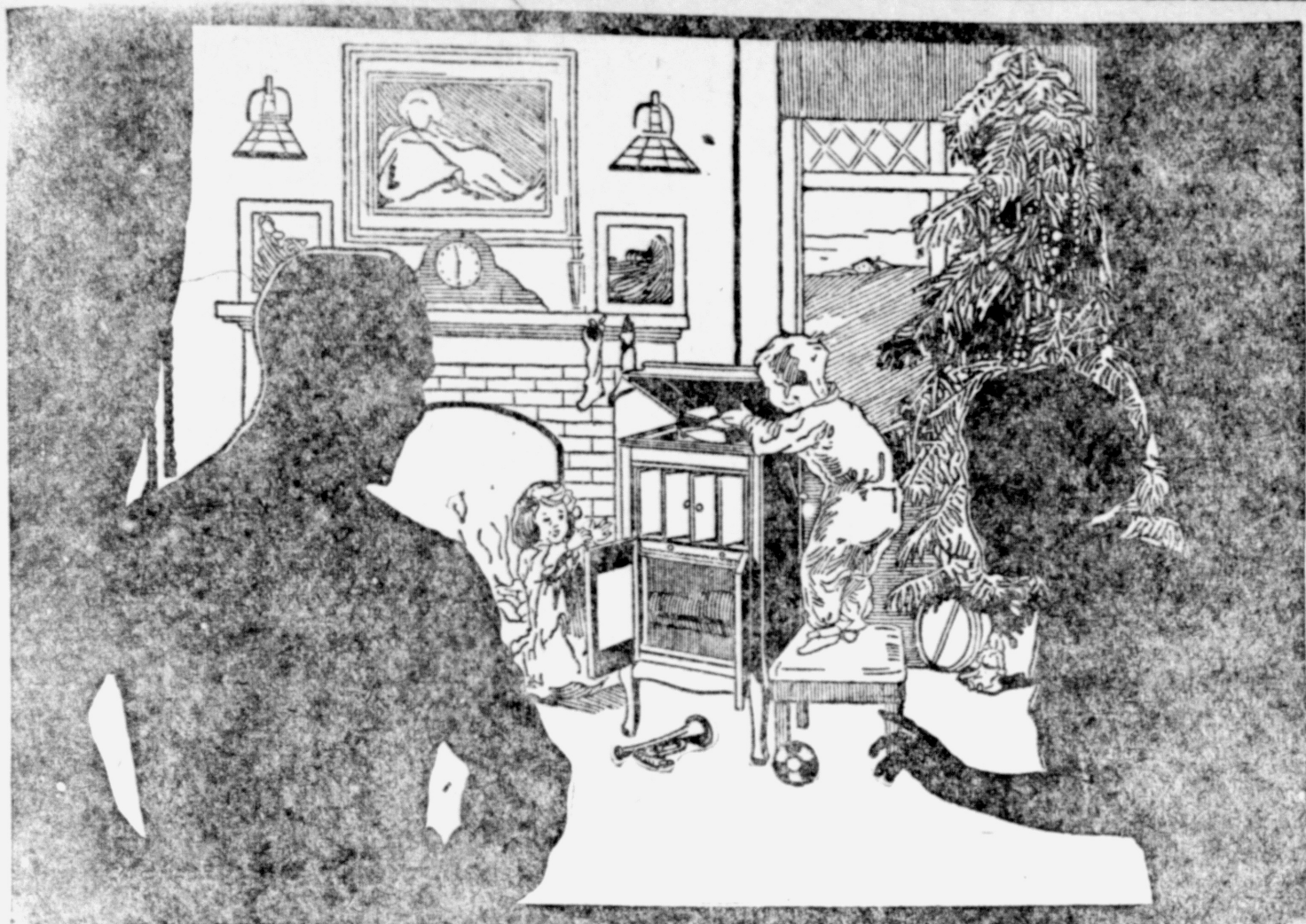
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—President Ban Johnson of the American league, today carefully dodged confirming Colonel Jacob Ruppert's announcement that he and his associates have bought the New York Yankees for about \$450,000, but intimated that the transaction is about to be closed. Johnson could not repress some feelings of amusement over the fact that Moguls Gilmore and Weegman of the Federal league, paid railroad fare to French Lick Springs, Ind., only to be told by Ruppert that he had decided to cast his fortunes with Johnson's organization. Johnson denied that Connie Mack was to be made manager of the Yankees next year. He said that the "prospective owners" had settled on their choice for manager, but that their man had not been approached.

Iron Ore in the Antipodes.
All of the Australian states are well supplied with iron ore. New South Wales having the richest deposits.

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"DOC" STORK KEPT BUSY IN LA CROSSE

Twelve more births were reported in La Crosse county during November, this year than last year, according to Register of Deeds A. E. Thompson's statement, while the "Grim Reaper" shows a decrease. Marriages decreased seven. The report follows: Births—1914, 74; 1913, 62. Deaths—1914, 47; 1913, 62. Marriages—1914, 37; 1913, 44.

COURT DISCOVERS KICK IN NEAR-BEER

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—John Kamstad was fined \$50 and costs in court today for selling "cream of hops," a substitute for liquor, manufactured by the Temperance Brewing company, Chicago. Cambridge, Wis., is a Puritan village that frowns upon anything savored of liquor. When Kamstad introduced cream of hops, a substitute without a kick the villagers swarmed to his place of business. Today the court determined that there was 1.32 per cent alcohol in the drink. The villagers are mobilizing.

It sometimes happens that one's past is an ever present menace.

NO BREAK OVER GOETHALS' REQUEST

Wilson Says He Can Settle Friction in the Cabinet Despite Opposing Views

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson today gave assurances that there will be no break between his cabinet members over the request of Colonel Goethals for destroyers to maintain neutrality on the canal zone. Although Secretary of War Garrison has endorsed the request and Secretaries Bryan and Daniels are reported to oppose sending the swift-sailing "Wasp," the president sees no cause for alarm. The president expects to be able to settle the present question without any friction.

No formal protest has been made to this government by any foreign nation regarding Arizona's anti-alien labor law, the president said today. Formal inquiry has been made by Great Britain, Italy and some other nations.

The president today again intimated broadly that he is opposed to the literacy test of the immigration bill. He stated he did not consider the suggested test was the real way to determine the quality of prospective citizens. But he declined to say whether this would offset what he termed the better qualities as to compel him to veto the measure.

Despite the difficulty encountered in selecting competent men for membership on the federal trade commission, President Wilson said today he hopes to be able to nominate the commission not later than New Year's and possibly by Christmas.

Up to the present the president said the suggestion that the South American republics and the United States attempt the establishment of a neutral zone has not been brought him for an opinion. He indicated that he considered such a plan a hopeless task.

"Whys" of European War Moves Explained By Military Expert

By J. W. T. MASON

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—11 a. m.—The recapture of Belgrade by the Serbians is the climax of an accumulation of Austro-Hungarian mysteries. The Hapsburg empire is now feeling the strain of the war at its breaking point. There must be a first among the many belligerents to show signs of exhaustion and popular resentment against continuation of the war. Austro-Hungary is now giving evidence that she is the one.

The inexplicable collapse of Austria's offensive in Serbia may produce a despair throughout the empire proportionate to the supreme delight felt when the Serbs apparently had been crushed a fortnight ago.

From independent sources, comes evidence that Austro-Hungary is almost prepared to quit on any reasonable terms; certainly there is much disaffection among the non-German people of the empire, who comprise seventy-five per cent of the population. A belief is spreading

BRITISH CRUISERS WAIT FOR DRESDEN

Two Lying Off Port in the Straits of Magellan for German Ship to Come Out

MUST FIGHT OUTSIDE OF LIMIT

Chilean Government Vigorously to Protest if Neutrality Is Violated

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 15.—Two British cruisers are today reported in the straits of Magellan, off Punta Arenas, where they are waiting for the German cruiser Dresden, the sole survivor of the squadron of Admiral von Spee which engaged the British fleet of Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee off the Falkland Islands.

Not to Respect Neutrality

Reports are reaching here mostly from pro-German sources, since the British have totally cut off wireless communication with the Falklands. These pro-German reports declare the two British vessels have indicated their intention not to respect the neutrality laws in regard to the Dresden. The vessel, the British ships are said to have asserted, must either come out and fight, or surrender.

Chile Ready to Protest

The Chilean government is reported to have taken action to maintain its neutrality in the situation growing out of the arrival of the Dresden at Punta Arenas. The government will register a vigorous protest if the Dresden is attacked inside the three-mile limit.

The captain of the Dresden has informed the German consul at Punta Arenas that the British fleet which attacked the Germans off the Falklands, included two battle cruisers of the Invincible type and six defense cruisers. These vessels the captain stated, were the Cernarvon, the Cornwall, Essex, Bristol, Defense and Glasgow.

The British cruiser Defense is a sloop of 14,600 tons. Her armament includes four 9.2-inch guns, ten 7.5-inch and fourteen 12-pounders.

The Cernarvon is a cruiser of 10,850 tons. She carries four 7.8-inch guns, six 6-inch and two 12-pounders. The Cornwall and Essex are sister ships, each being 9,800 tons displacement. They carry fourteen 6-inch guns and nine 12-pounders. The Bristol and Glasgow are also sister ships of 4,800 tons, carrying two 6-inch guns, ten 4-inch and four 5-pounders.

CANADIAN VESSEL SUNK BY MINE

Supply Ship Sharon Is Thought Lost with All on Board Off Coast of Ireland

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—Admission was made by the government officials today that the government steamer Sharon has been lost somewhere in the Atlantic, probably with all on board. It is believed she struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland.

The Sharon had been used up to the outbreak of the war as a supply ship, carrying provisions and equipment from Halifax to Port Nelson, Hudson Bay, for use in connection with the work on the Hudson bay terminal. Early in August she was chartered for other work. More than six weeks ago, she left Sydney for Newport, Wales, bearing a coal cargo. She is no wa month overdue.

BADGERS BEAT KANSAS AGGIES

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Coach Meanwell's Wisconsin basketball five took a slow, poorly played game from the Arkansas Aggies here last night by a score of 15 to 7. The southerners were no match for the Badgers and before the first half was half gone, Coach Meanwell sent in his entire second team.

CATCH ALLEGED THIEF

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—Charles L. Roberts, agent at Racine, Wis., for Maurice Strelitz, a local jeweler, is under arrest in Detroit on the charge of stealing \$2,500 worth of diamonds and watches.

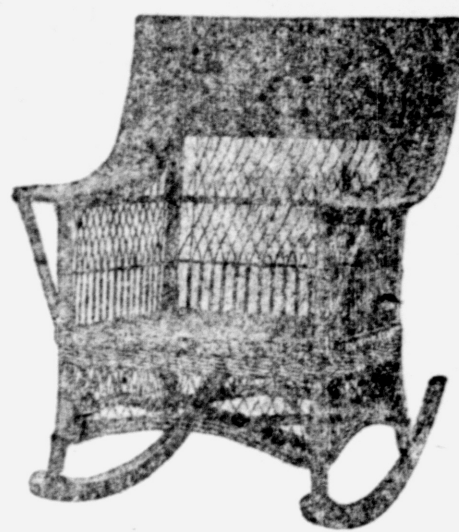
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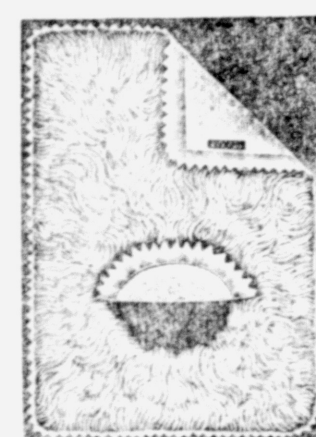
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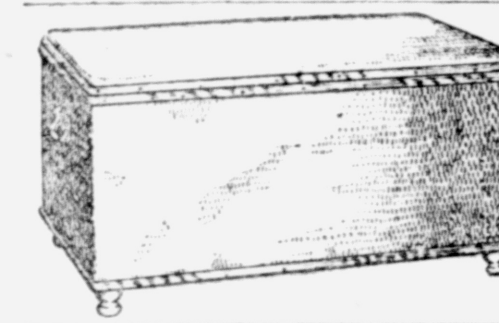
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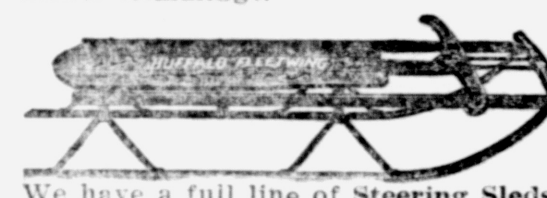
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Albert T. Patrick.

Albert T. Patrick, who put in twelve years in Sing Sing prison, five years of which were passed in the death cell, under conviction of murdering William Marsh Rice, an aged millionaire of Houston, Texas, is now in Oklahoma rebuilding his shattered fortune. He is successfully engaged in the oil industry. Patrick's trial and subsequent attempts to secure his freedom aroused not a word of interest.

Another evidence of our strict neutrality is that German, English, French, Russian and Austrian operas will be produced at the Metropolitan this winter.

CABINET DIVIDED ON PANAMA GUARD

Garrison Favors Granting Granting Goethals' Request but Bryan and Daniels Oppose

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Evidence of another "difference of opinion" in President Wilson's cabinet over the request of Gov. Goethals of the Panama canal zone for two destroyers to enforce neutrality, cropped up today.

Secretary of War Garrison is understood to be strongly backing up Goethals. Secretary Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, leading peace advocates of the cabinet, are believed to be opposing Goethals' request.

It was stated at the White house that no decision would be announced until after further communication with Goethals.

Secretary Garrison said he had wired Goethals asking him just what he thought he could accomplish if he was given the two destroyers. If Goethals' aim is simply to break up the unneutral use of wireless in the canal zone, Garrison said he will wash his hands of the whole affair, and turn it over to the navy department, which has charge of the wireless censorship.

Wanted the Job Completed.

The visiting lady had kept her hostess at the open door full half an hour saying good-by. Finally an irate masculine voice indoors called out: "Say, Maria, if you're going out, go; if you're staying, stay; but for heaven's sake don't ooze out."—Harper's Magazine.

AMERICANS RALLY TO FREE VON HORST



Baron Louis von Horst.

LONDON.—Unusual efforts are being put forth to secure the release of Baron Louis von Horst of California, who has been held a prisoner since September 2 on the charge of being an alien enemy. Among those who are bringing pressure to bear on the English government in von Horst's behalf are Ambassador Page, Governor Johnson of California, and such influential Americans abroad as Otto H. Kahn and Franklin K. Lane.

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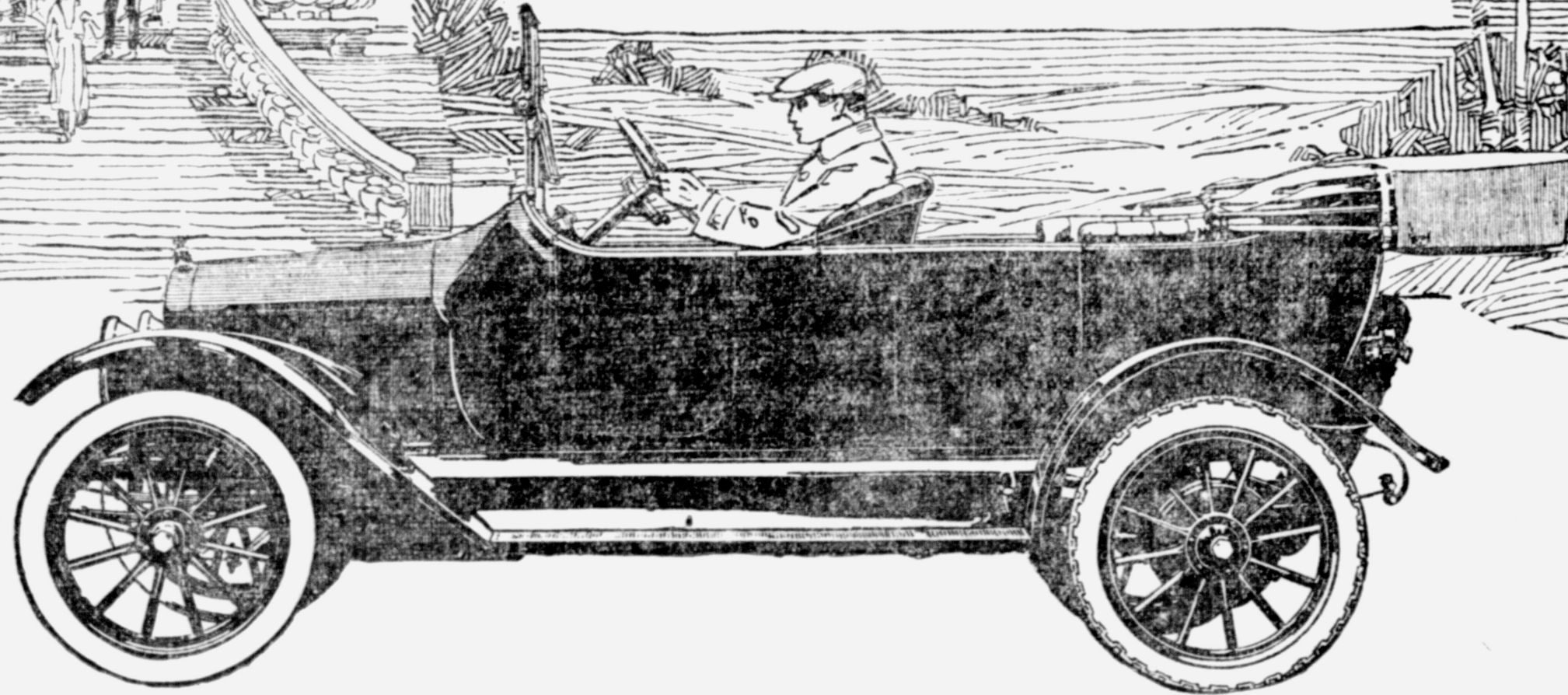
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When scarlet fever is rampant ev-

ery sore throat should be considered suspicious, as should any sign of feverishness. Accompanied by a rash, these symptoms should lead to prompt treatment and isolation as scarlet fever.

No harm can possibly come from isolating a case which may later prove to be something else than this properly dreaded disease. On the other hand, all epidemics have their beginning with single cases which have not been quarantined, either from failure in diagnosis or from careless or willful suppression of the truth.

Were scarlet fever outbreaks treated with the same promptness and energetic efficiency that is being displayed by the federal government in "foot and mouth disease" of cat-

tle, the disease could in all probability be stamped out in a few years, if not in a single year.

This statement is made without pessimism and with no desire to be sensational. On the contrary it is a perfectly reasonable conclusion based upon the experience with epidemic disease in cattle and other epidemic disease of man, notably yellow fever and plague.

Scarlet fever is too common to be ignored and not common enough to scare the public into the drastic measures and eternal vigilance which would completely control it. Eventually the public will take effective action because it is the reasonable thing to do and not wait for a fright or for sentimental touching of its heart strings. In the meantime—"On guard!"

Too Long to Be Entirely Valid. Oliver Knox read some published letters in a breach-of-promise suit, and laughed. "This idiot wrote to the girl that he would love her always," he commented. "Now I contend that 'always' is the longest word in the dictionary, and no wise man ever uses it." "No," retorted his discerning wife, "and no wise woman would believe him 'he did'."

A man isn't necessarily a vegetarian because he happens to prefer a grass widow.

WASHINGTON OFFER TOO LOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Refusal of the Washington club to offer him more than \$12,500 a year caused Walter Johnson to jump to the Childs, Johnson said, in a letter published here today.

To find what a poor guesser you are, bet on a few guesses.

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M'CORMICK EVOLVES PLAN FOR TOURNEY

Principal of Local High School Would Bring Together Sixteen Teams in State Tournament

WOULD BE FAIRER SYSTEM

Teams Would Have to Present Record of Eight Victories; Tourney to Be in Charge of University

In an effort to effect a satisfactory arrangement for the annual state inter-scholastic basketball tournament, Principal B. E. McCormick of the local high school has conceived the plan of bringing the tournament under the auspices of the university, the games to be played at the university gymnasium. The plan, as set forth by Mr. McCormick, would bring together sixteen teams under the I. A. A., each team to have a record of at least eight games over other I. A. A. schools.

Great difficulty has been encountered in the past in carrying on a state basketball championship tournament satisfactorily to all teams in the state. Last year, because of the unfair treatment towards a number of high schools in the state on the part of the college in charge of the tournament, there was much talk about having the tournament this year managed by the university.

Other Schools Consulted
Principal B. E. McCormick has had considerable correspondence with other high school principals of the state regarding the arrangement of such a state tournament.

In the past, the teams represented in this tournament have been selected by elimination methods, one team representing each district. By this method many first-class teams were kept from the tournament while other weaker teams were allowed to enter.

Another thing which was objected to under the old regime was that of times, as was the case with La Crosse last season, teams were required to play elimination games previous to the tournament with other teams often in a distant part of the state where railroad connections were poor. This has been a large expense to the teams and unjust to the schools eliminated.

His plan, in detail, follows:
"First, I would have the tournament run by a committee of three high school principals, this committee to be appointed by the board of directors of the I. A. A."

"Second, one member of this committee should be Principal Miller of the Wisconsin high school, who is also a member of the faculty of the university. The other two men should be selected from principals in the state."

"Third, I would have this committee notify all high schools which are members of the I. A. A. that if they wish to compete in the state tournament in the spring it would be necessary for them to play representative teams in their section of the state, and to present a schedule with at least eight games won from I. A. A. schools."

"Fourth, at a stated time I would have the managing committee meet and pass on all schedules submitted, selecting from the list the sixteen strongest teams, as indicated by the schedules submitted."

"Fifth, on the first day of the tournament, possibly Thursday, there should be eight games, thereby eliminating eight teams. On the second day there should be four games and the finale should be played on the third day, or Saturday."

"Sixth, the state tournament should be held at Madison in the university gymnasium. Each team represented should be responsible for its own expenses, provided, however, that the door receipts from the tournament be distributed pro-rata among the teams, according to the distance traveled."

"Now, as to some of the advantages which I believe this plan provides: I do not believe that a tournament can be conducted successfully unless it is handled by the I. A. A. Furthermore, I believe that the managing committee should be composed of high school principals because they are the men who are directly concerned and personally interested."

"I believe that Mr. Miller should be a member of this committee because through him the committee will be able to receive the suggestions of those members of the university faculty who are interested, and at the same time the university can not be blamed in any way for the managing of the tournament."

"I believe this plan will allow each school to arrange those games which will prove financially successful. In other words each school will be permitted to play the teams in its immediate section where railroad accommodations are good and where these teams will not be obliged to cut school in order to play games in neighboring towns. Furthermore it will enable a school to arrange a schedule in advance and at the same time feel reasonably sure that the schedule will be carried out as planned. It will also do away with the long trips and the expense of elimination games. By allowing sixteen teams, all elimination games will virtually be played at Madison on the same floor and under similar conditions in each contest. Then again by selecting the sixteen teams having the best records, I believe every team worthy of consideration will be included and therefore it will do away with a large part of the 'petty bantering' that one often hears. Again by selecting sixteen teams regardless of their geographic location we would be doing away with the possibility of getting a few very strong teams and a few very weak teams in the final



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tournament. Under the plan commonly used at the present time often two or three of the strongest teams in the state are in the same division, consequently inferior teams get into the tournament from other sections. "I believe the tournament should be held at the university because it is the center of learning of the state and also because every school in the state has one or more representatives at the university. I do not believe that it would be difficult for the university to provide entertainment for the visiting teams and I really believe that every school represented would find the cost of such a tournament very slight, if anything at all."

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AIR RAID ON FREIBURG

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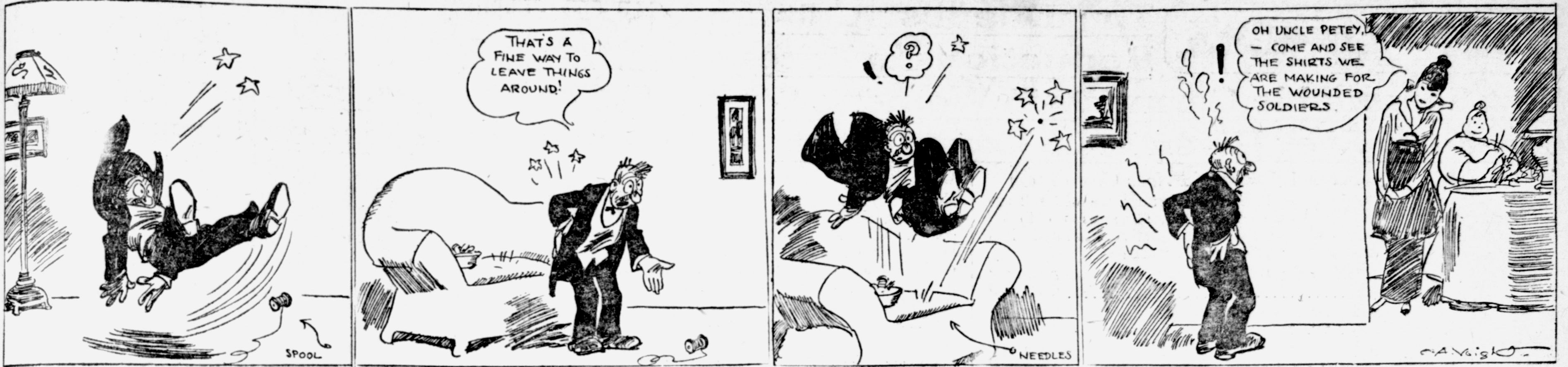
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MISCELLANEOUS

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LOST—Round hat box containing hats. Return to Wehaupt, 1317 South Fourth. 12 14 15

LOST—Brown water spaniel dog, with leather strap around neck. Return to W. J. Christianson, 206 So. Seventh, and receive reward. New phone 1333-Black. 12 14 15

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and diamonds. La Crosse Loan Co., 320 Main street, upstairs. 9 9 15

FOURTH BUILDING ASSOCIATION paid and installment stock or sale. 1137-C. 9 12 15

LOANS on furniture and real estate. J. W. Smith, 328 Pearl. 5 5 15

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

MILLER BROS., undertakers and embalmers. 320 Main. Phones 286. Open day and night.

Cut Rate Shipping

CUT RATES on household goods to Pacific coast and other points, superior service at reduced rates. The Boyd Transfer Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Typewriter Ribbons

NEW TYPEWRITER RIBBONS, 35c. Half dozen \$1.75, while lot bought at bargain lasts. Regular 75c quality. W. V. Kidder, 114 North Fifth. Phone 56. 12 7 15

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT

Several new six room houses at \$12.50 a month each.

5 room flat, upper, 329 South Third street. \$14.00

4 room flat, lower, 309 King street. \$13.00

8 room house, modern except heating, 711 Pine street. \$20.00

7 room house, 219 Island St. \$8.00

FOR SALE

3 story brick building, suitable for factory, wholesale or rooming, at a bargain.

9 room house, barn and shed, lot 54x170, 1734 Pine street, one block from normal school, at a bargain.

2 lots, 19th and Madison, cheap.

Several lots in Hentges' addition, between 12th and 13th streets, at a bargain.

C. F. KLEIN & SON

General Insurance, Bonds, Loans, Notary Public.

310 Pearl Street, La Crosse, Wis.

Comparative Markets

These Quotations Show the General Trend of Prices for the Previous Week

LIVESTOCK YESTERDAY

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 14.—Hogs—Receipts 52,000; market steady to lower; mixed and butchers \$6.60 to \$7.10; good heavy \$6.70 to \$7.15; rough heavy \$6.55 to \$6.70; light \$6.45 to \$7.05; pigs \$5.00 to \$7.00.

Cattle—Receipts 42,000; market slow, 10 to 25c lower; beefs \$5.50 to \$10.85; cows and heifers \$5.75 to \$8.25; Texans \$5.50 to \$6.70; calves \$6.25 to \$9.60.

Sheep—Receipts 38,000; market slow, 10 to 25c lower; native \$5.25 to \$6.40; western \$5.40 to \$6.50; lambs \$6.50 to \$8.40; western \$6.75 to \$8.50.

LIVESTOCK WEEK AGO

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 7.—Hogs—Receipts 40,000; market steady to 10c lower; mixed and butchers \$6.55 to \$7.30; good heavy \$6.65 to \$7.20; rough heavy \$6.50 to \$6.65; light \$6.35 to \$7.30; pigs \$4.50 to \$7.00.

Cattle—Receipts 18,000; market best, steady to 10c higher; others, weak; beefs \$5.65 to \$10.60; cows and heifers \$3.25 to \$8.50; stockers and feeders \$6.50 to \$8.75; calves \$6.50 to \$9.25.

Sheep—Receipts 48,000; market lower; native \$4.90 to \$5.90; western \$5.00 to \$6.00; lambs \$6.00 to \$8.00; western \$6.25 to \$8.10.

Grain

YESTERDAY WEEK AGO

WHEAT—118 116 1/2

CORN—63 62 1/2

OATS—47 47 1/2

Barley—51 51 1/2

Hadn't Looked for That.

"When we bought dear little Bobby the electric flashlight he had been begging for so long," says a mother. "We never anticipated that the first time we had company he would hold it up to the guest's ear and say: 'Oh, I just want to see if your ear is clean!'"

Shocking Unfit.

The subaltern was being put through an examination in geography, where in he proved himself astonishingly ignorant. At last, after a failure on his part of unusual magnitude, the examiner scowled at him and thundered: "Idiot, you want to defend your country, and you don't know where it is!"

First American Admiral.

Esek Hopkins was the first admiral of the American navy being appointed in 1775 by the continental congress commander-in-chief of the navy. While he at first achieved great success, he was removed in 1777 on the ground of incompetency. He died in 1802 at Providence, R. I., where a monument has been erected to his memory.

Kangaroo's Voracious Appetite.

The kangaroo which is noted for its enormous appetite, is said to be able to eat as much grass as six sheep.

DAILY MARKETS

Wholesale Fruit

(Quoted by John C. Burns)

Oysters, Best Stands, gal. \$1.10

Oysters, Best Selects, gal. \$1.40

Celery, Michigan, 15, 20, 30c

Celery, Steam Retailed, bus. \$6.50

Celery, Pure Juice, bus. \$6.00

Celery, Crap Apple Celery, bus. \$6.50

Celery, Steam Retailed, half bus. \$6.50

Celery, Pure Juice, half bus. \$6.25

Cranberries, early ones, bus. \$6.50

Cranberries, Wisconsin, bus. \$6.50

Cranberries, Jersey Sunrise bus. \$6.50

Cranberries, Jersey Dixie bus. \$6.50

Cranberries, Jersey Red Clover, fancy Reus, per bus. \$5.75

Cranberries, Jersey Golden Rod, Dark Red, per bus. \$6.60

Lemons, Silver "Sunkist," box \$4.50

Lemons, Prairie Chicken Red, box \$4.00

Oranges, Florida, per box \$2.75

Oranges, Green, reg., \$1.50 to \$2.00

Cocoanuts, per bu. \$3.50

Apples, 5 boxes, ass'd, box. \$1.25

Apples, barrels, N. Y. Baldwin's \$2.65

Apples, barrels, Ben Davis, bbl. \$2.65

Onions, Red or Yellow, ad. \$1.50

Tomatoes, per bu. \$5.00

Cheese, Twins, per lb. \$1.50

(By Farmers Co-operative Packing Company.)

Hogs \$6.00 to \$6.50

Cows \$6.00 to \$6.50

Steers \$4.00 to \$6.00

Heifers \$3.50 to \$5.00

Sheep \$3.00 to \$3.50

Spring Lambs \$5.50 to \$6.00

Poultry

Chickens \$8 to \$8 1/2

Turkeys \$12 1/2 to 14

Ducks \$11 to 12

Geese \$10 to 11

Provisions

Lard per pound \$11 to 11 1/2

Shoulders, per pound \$12 1/2

Picnics, per pound \$12 1/2

Bacon, per pound \$16 to 22c

Hams, per pound \$14 1/2 to 15 1/2

Price Beef, per pound \$22 to 26c

Flour and Feed

(Quoted by Listman Mill Co.)

Patent, per barrel \$6.10

Straight, per barrel \$5.90

Mill Feed

Brass, per ton, 100 lbs. sacks. \$25.00

Shorts, per ton, 100 lbs. sacks. \$27.00

White middlings, per ton, 100 lbs. sacks. \$29.00

Red Dog, ton, 100 lbs. sacks. \$33.00

(Quoted by Thomas-Phalon Co.)

Corn \$1.00 to \$1.05

Oats \$1.00 to \$1.05

Rye \$1.00 to \$1.05

Barley \$1.00 to \$1.05

(Quoted by Hawley Com. Co.)

Creamery butter, pound. \$31 to 32c

Dairy butter, pound. \$28 to 30c

Eggs, fresh, per dozen \$26c

Eggs, seconds, per dozen \$22c

(Quoted by Hy Andereg)

Fancy full cream twins. \$15 to 16c

Fancy full cream daisies. \$15 to 16c

Fancy full cream Limburger \$14 to 17c

Fancy full cream Swiss block. \$17c

Fancy full cream brick. \$13 to 15c

German Hand cheese, per box. \$9c

Norwegian Primost. \$7 to 8c

FOREIGN MARKETS

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The stock market, open for trading in all issues, was strong and active at the start today. Union Pacific was sold at 121 1/2 up, over closing price on July 30, the last day the market was open before the war. Canadian Pacific was up 3 3/4.

The market was active and weak after the first hour. The number of members today equalled that of Saturday, but the galleries lacked the crowds of spectators. Activity centered at the Steel and Southern Pacific poles.

Noon.—The market reacted sharply around noon and became active. Brokers regarded it as a good omen that while many issues fell off, the general tone was strong. There was a good demand at all times.

2 p. m.—The market was quiet but fairly steady early in the afternoon. Reading and Lehigh Valley gave signs of returning firmness.

Close.—The market was dull without any definite tendency in prices in the last hour.

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DOERFLINGER'S.
 YOU PAY LESS HERE

**The Deepest Cuts and
 Reductions in Prices on**
DOERFLINGER'S.
 YOU PAY LESS HERE

**New Seasonable Garments in Women's Winter Coats, Dresses, Suits
 and Furs, Ever Given in La Crosse Right in the Heart of the Season.**

Actual January Prices Given Now

Commencing tomorrow morning, we will sell every Woman's Coat in stock, all sizes up to 55 inches bust measure, at exactly one-third less than regular price, which means—

A \$25.00 WOMAN'S COAT for	\$16.65
A \$10.00 WOMAN'S COAT for	\$6.50
A \$15.00 WOMAN'S COAT for	\$9.95
A \$17.50 WOMAN'S COAT for	\$11.65
Every Woman's Suit in long or short jacket at exactly	1/2 Price

COATS

 One extra special lot consisting of Black Kersey and manufactured fur; some lined throughout, regular \$4.85 and \$7.85 values, sizes up to 52 inches bust measure. Your choice balance of week for **\$3.85**
FURS

Not a piece reserved. Choice of our entire stock of Furs, Red Fox, Minks, Wolf of different colors, Seal, Fitch, Marmot, handsome White Iceland Fox Sets, and Jap Mink. Your unrestricted choice for balance of week at one-third off, which means—

A \$25.00 SET for	\$16.66	A \$50.00 SET for	\$33.35
A \$10.00 SET for	\$6.50	A \$100.00 SET for	\$65.00

Women's Dresses

Any woman would appreciate a pretty one-piece dress as a Xmas gift. We are making the prices so anybody will be able to buy one. Every dress in our mammoth stock, consisting of Street, Afternoon or Party Dresses, your unrestricted choice at 1-3 off, which means:

A \$5.00 DRESS for	\$3.35	A \$10 DRESS for	\$6.50
A \$7.50 DRESS for	\$4.98	A \$15 DRESS for	\$9.95

Call early tomorrow and get best selections, and so we can alter them for you, so you can have dresses for Xmas day. All alterations free of charge.


**A TOY SPECIAL
 For Wednesday**

 Mechanical Train, with cast iron engine, tender and two coaches, regular \$1 value, on sale Wednesday from 10 a. m. until sold, at each.... **49c**

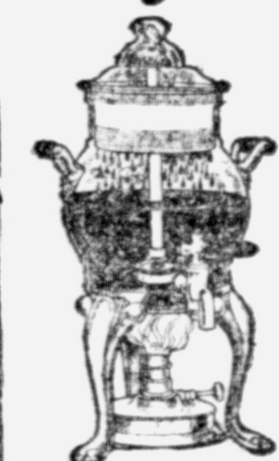
 to match slippers. Hand turned soles, very flexible and thin to give foot small appearance. Sizes 3 to 7. Widths B, C and D, ripece **\$3.50**
 Same styles in White Satin Colonial Pumps at **\$3.00**

 Women's Black Satin Pump with beaded vamps and beaded satin ornament, high covered wooden Louis heels, medium toe, Sizes 3 to 7, at **\$3.50**
 Same style with lowerheel and without beaded vamp, per pair **\$3.00**
PARTY SLIPPERS Would Make An Excellent Gift

We boast of having the smartest effects, the newest ideas in Satin, Dull and Patent Leathers. The manufacturer, Chas. K. Fox, Haverhill, Mass., of our high grade Slipper line, is in the "A" class as an expert Slipper maker. All his styles possess a finished touch of individuality that one cannot mistake.

Women's all Dull Kid 3 strap Slippers with beaded vamps and straps, made over a neat medium round toe last. The heels are the new Cuban Louis style, covered with dull Kid leather


 Women's Dull Kid Pumps with rosette ornaments. This is one of the best selling numbers. Sizes 3 to 7. Priced at ... **\$3.00**
 A decided novelty style Patent Leather Pump is the

 new "Carmita Pump," beautiful open work, three strap effect style with hand turned soles and patent leather covered wooden heels, medium toe, sizes 3 to 7, per pair **\$3.50**
 A very popular style this season is a Jet Black, good quality Satin Colonial Pump with new satin covered Louis Cuban heel. Genuine hand turned soles, very light and flexible. Sizes 3 to 7, widths B, C and D, medium narrow toe last, priced at per pair **\$3.50**
Toys and Many Other Attractive Gifts can be Found in Our Big Basement

\$4.98 for Percolating Machine, 6 cups, nickel or burnt copper finish, with lamp, value \$7.50.

\$3.48 for Chafing Dish with Alcohol Lamp, nickel or burnt copper finish, \$5.00 value.

\$1.50 Casserole 95c—Brass Casserole, nickel plated, 8 inch frame.	75c Wood Tray 49c—Mahogany finish, cretonne center, covered with glass.
\$1.75 Carving Set 95c—Rubber handle, 9 in. blade.	\$1.25 Coaster Set 79c—Tile Tray with 6 Coasters.
\$2.50 Aluminum Tea Kettle \$2.25, 7 qt. Aluminum Tea Kettle, plain shape, \$1.69.	

Hello! Boys

The Mysto Erector, the practical and entertaining toy for your boy. Priced at

10c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5.00, \$10.00

47c for Skin Covered Horse, medium size. Others from 25c to \$6.98.

\$3.75 For Galloping Horse, well made. Others up to \$18.50.

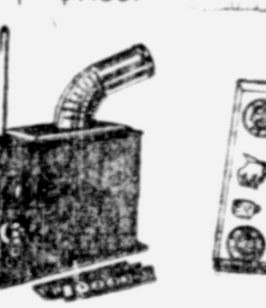
\$1.87 for the celebrated Archarena and Crookinole Board, can play 40 games. Others up to \$4.98.

74c for boys' Tool Chest with complete set of tools. Others from 19c to \$7.50.

39c For a Musical Doll, unbreakable head.

25c for Toy Dresser, Golden Oak finish. Others up to \$4.98.

47c for a Tin Stove with Cooking Utensils.

15c for the famous reversible Saw, very durable toy.

49c for Moving Picture Machine, with set of films. Others up to \$12.50.

19c for Child's Toy Tea Set. Others up to \$4.98.

\$6.75 for 100 piece Dinner Set, made of fine American Porcelain, nicely decorated, \$10 value.

\$9.75 for 100 piece Dinner Set, actually worth \$12.00.

49c for Celery Set, imported China, 6 individual salt and celery trays.

59c for Dresser Set, Austrian China, tray, powder box and hair receiver.

87c for Austrian China Berry Set, 6 saucers and bowl.

98c for China Lemonade Set, jug and 6 mugs.

\$1.19 for Water Set, Star or Grape cutting, 6 tumblers and jug.

\$1.79 for Shaving Stand with Cup and Brush, nickel plated.

69c for Sandwich Plate, Austrian China, nicely decorated.

59c for Bavarian China Comb and Brush Tray.

89c for 6 Cups and Saucers, thin china, fancy shape.

59c for fine China Sugar and Creamer, newest shape.

87c for the Coloris Vacuum Bottle, pint size.

\$1.79 for Aluminum Tea Kettle, 7 quart size

**RIVER CLOSES TWO
 TIMES IN ONE YEAR**

Mississippi Frozen This Morning; Thermometer Registers Six Below All Night

CLOSED IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR

Only Instance on Record When Father of Waters Becomes Covered with Ice Twice in Season

For the second time during the present year, the Mississippi is frozen from bank to bank. Bridge tenders on the wagon bridge reported this morning that the stream had joined Wisconsin and Minnesota with a bridge of ice at about midnight.

The first freezing of the river this year occurred January 10. This is the first time for many years that the stream has frozen twice during the same year. In 1913 it was open the entire year. The earliest closing date on record is November 19, January tenth, last year, was the latest date on record.

The thermometer rose two degrees and stood at six degrees below last night.

Following are the dates of the closing of the Mississippi since 1873:

	(Lo)	(HD)	(P)
1873—November 28.	16	42	0
1874—November 29.	32	48	0
1875—November 22.	10	38	0
1876—November 30.	12	38	0
1877—December 2.	40	40	0
1878—December 12.	36	48	0
1879—December 12.	2	4	6
1880—November 19.	6	2	0
1881—December 31.	6	2	0
1882—December 7.	2	8	0
1883—December 16.	10	22	0
1884—November 27.	4	2	0
1885—January 5.	8	24	0
1886—November 29.	12	38	0
1887—November 28.	2	14	01
1888—November 21.	6	18	02
1889—November 26.	28	34	0
1890—December 4.	12	20	0
1891—December 18.	12	16	0
1892—December 11.			
1893—December 1.			
1894—December 28.			
1895—December 3.			
1896—November 28.			
1897—December 1.			
1898—November 26.			
1899—December 19.			
1900—December 14.			
1901—No closing.			
1902—December 1.			
1903—December 5.			
1904—December 15.			
1905—December 26.			
1906—December 17.			
1907—January 1.			
1908—December 8.			
1909—December 9.			
1910—December 11.			
1911—December 28.			
1912—December 22.			
1913—No closing.			
1914—January 10.			

WEATHER BULLETIN

	(Lo)	(HD)	(P)
Boston	16	42	0
Charleston	32	48	0
New York	10	38	0
Washington	12	38	0
Galveston	40	40	0
Jacksonville	36	48	0
New Orleans	30	40	0
Chicago	2	4	6
La Crosse	6	2	0
Madison	10	22	0
Memphis	4	2	0
Milwaukee	8	6	04
Bismarck	0	6	01
Huron	2	8	0
Kansas City	10	2	0
St. Paul	8	24	0
Roise	12	38	0
Denver	2	14	01
Helena	6	18	02
Miles City	28	34	0
Portland, Ore.	12	20	0
Spokane	12	16	0
Medicine Hat			

Japan's Unpaved Streets.

Although most of the cities in Japan have good sidewalks, modern street paving is practically unknown in the empire.

**MEAT CAUSE OF
 KIDNEY TROUBLE**

Take Salts to flush Kidneys if Back Hurts or Bladder bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. Chas. A. Beyer, Druggist, 503 Main St.

**FIFTY DOLLARS IS
 OFFERED AS PRIZE**

Magazine to Be Sold with Tribune Seeks Letters on Savings Accomplished

Fifty dollars is to be paid by the Woman's Home Companion to the women who write the best letters on the subject, "How much Has Your Companion Saved You?" Some of the letters already received in the contest are very remarkable. One woman

writes: "I figure that my Woman's Home Companion saved me \$39 last year. It helped me to save money in my marketing and it taught me how to make over last year's gown into this year's style, besides helping me to make practically all my Christmas gifts myself."

Every issue of the Woman's Home Companion is designed to save money to the woman who makes the home. This is the reason that the Companion is the favorite \$1.50 magazine with nearly one million American women. For a short time the Woman's Home Companion is to be offered in combination with the La Crosse Tribune at only a few cents a month more than the cost of the Tribune alone. This offer is so extraordinary that it is necessarily limited.

PROTECT YOURSELF

against the severe winter weather—the quick changes in temperature, etc., by keeping the system strong and well fortified—the blood rich and pure. A very reliable help to this end will be found by taking

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS
**KAISER PRAISES
 HIS DEAD SAILORS**

In Panegyric He Lauds the Heroism of the Men of Admiral Von Spee's Squadron

BERLIN, via Wireless to London, Dec. 15.—A panegyric for German sailors who perished in the destruction of Admiral Von Spee's fleet was issued today by Kaiser Wilhelm. In replying to the message of condolence sent by President Kapp of the reichstag over the loss of these ships and lives, the kaiser lauded the heroism with which the sailors met their fate, and said that their bravery should encourage the nation to bear even the heaviest losses with unbroken courage.

"May the heavy sacrifices we are forced to make in this battle for our existence be borne by all as a single man, supported by our unshaken hope in God, our Lord, from whose gracious hand we humbly receive fortune, misfortune, joy and sorrow," he concluded. "This will turn even our most difficult hour into a blessing for our nation, the Fatherland."

VIENNA CLAIMS VICTORY

VIENNA, via Berlin, Dec. 15.—The pursuit of the Russians in Eastern Galicia continues, an official statement issued today declared. The Austrians have reached the plain of Allenthal. The fighting is almost continuous, the engagements being alternately more or less important.

**South American
 Armies Drink Maté**

During the Paraguayan war Maté was a most powerful agent in preserving the lives of the fever stricken soldiers. Gen. Rocha Gallado, an officer in the Brazilian army, says: "During the space of twenty-two days I was witness to the fact that an army was fed almost exclusively on Maté; the want of rations on that occasion not permitting long halts."

The armies of the Argentine republic, Uruguay and Chile are supplied with Maté as well as those of Brazil and Paraguay. In addition to being nourishing and strength sustaining Maté refreshes and invigorates the nervous system so gently that no ill effects are caused. In his book, "Brazil," J. C. Oakenfull says: "Maté is a tonic, a nutrient, stimulant and diuretic. It is a great aid against alcoholism, has a pronounced effect on the respiratory organs, and excites the appetite and assists digestion. It is in all cases an excellent beverage to quench the thirst."

Grocers in this city now have Woodley's Maté on sale. It is inexpensive and easy to prepare. In South America it is served at every meal and is drunk by brain workers, laborers and men and women in all walks of life.

**BERLIN REPORTS
 BALUM SHELLED**

Turkish Cruiser Sultan Jawus Selim Reported in Action Against Russian Black Sea Port

BERLIN, via Sayville, L. I., Dec. 15.—A Turkish official bulletin, made public here by the war office, asserts that the large cruiser Sultan Jawus Selim on December 10 bombarded Balum, setting fire to the city and escaping, despite gun-fire from the Russian land batteries.

Dispatches from Constantinople also carry an authoritative report that in the Caucasus region, 50,000 armed Russians, all Mohammedans, joined with other Moslems and decided to fight against Russia.

The Turkish navy list contains no cruiser or any other vessel named "Sultan Jawus Selim."

Way Out of the Difficulty. Before being taken to visit friends for luncheon she was admonished not to ask for her favorite portion of chicken, the drumstick. Upon being asked which piece she would like she remarked, at the same time looking at her mother wistfully, "You put it over here and I'll help myself."

**NINE KILLED BY BLAST WHICH
 WRECKED CLEVELAND TENEMENT**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 15.—A squad of police working with shovels at 9 a. m. today unearthed bodies of Mrs. Anna Haner, 35, and her son, Tony, 7, making a total of nine dead in a terrific explosion that wrecked a two story brick store and apartment building at 1161 Madison avenue. Nine others are injured, some probably fatally.

Three separate investigations were on today to determine the cause of the blast that without warning caved four walls into a heap of debris in the basement. That escaping gas was responsible is a leading theory. The dead are Mrs. Lena Platka, 25, and her four small children: Anna Haner, 25, and her two children, and Mary Engst, aged 4.

STORE IS LEASED
 Women's Juliets, fur trimmed, all colors, bought this fall, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, at

98c
ADAMS,
 THE SHOEMAN
 115-117 South 4th St.